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ELKS HOLD BIGGEST SESSION AT RICHMOND

J. Finley Wilson Re-elected Grand Exalted Ruler For Fourth Term

Richmond, Va., Aug. 27.—The twenty-sixth annual convention of Elks in Richmond was the most picturesque, and most successful from the standpoint of public estimation that the order has ever held Nowhere by colored people has the convention been better entertained according to the facilities of the community, and nowhere at all has it been received into the homes and hearts of the white people as in the Virginia capital.

The governor of the State, E. Lee Trinkle, and the mayor of the city J. Fulman Bright, occupied the platform of the convention Tuesday for three hours. They spoke in hearty terms of welcome, and were responded to by Henry Lincoln Johnson, in a masterly address, of southern flavor, that warmed the hearts of everyone within hearing distance.

The City barred every restriction of normal times, and entertained Negroes so lavishly that it was a matter of constant marvel to all in attendance upon the convention. Colored bands and marching clubs made such a decided hit in the parade that the city was loath to have them depart. They serenaded the in clubs and in the rooms of the white Elks of Richmond. The city press declared the convention the greatest, from many angles, the South has ever witnessed, white or colored, and gave lavish space to record of its progress.

The Tuesday parade, over a distance of ten miles, with 60 odd bands, and with variegated costumery and regalia, was the gayest thing that the capital of Virginia has ever seen. Business was stopped and throngs crowded Broad St. for hours to see it pass. Governor Trinkle, Mayor Bright, J. Finley Wilson and staff reviewed the passing throng from a stand at Adams and Broad Street.

J. Finley Wilson was elected for a fourth term

STATE AND CITY OFFICIALS JOIN IN BIG WELCOME

Largest Delegation In History of Order Gathered In Capital of Old Dominion, In Twenty-sixth Convention.

GOVERNOR AND MAYOR ACCORDED BIG OVATION

Staff Correspondence

Richmond, Va.—Monday was a history-making day for the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World. For twenty five years the order has been holding annual conventions in various large cities of the United States, twenty-four of them in Northern and Western cities, but it remained for Richmond, the historic capital of the "Old South" to accord the 80,000 and more members of the order who gathered here the warmest and biggest welcome and the most thorough official recognition they have ever received. In appreciation of that courtesy from this Southern city as many of the members and officials of the order as could crowd into the Rayo Theatre stood up and cheered spontaneously and long Governor E. Lee Trinkle, Mayor Bright and officials of the chamber of commerce when they delivered welcome addresses on behalf of the State and city.

Governor Given Big Ovation

When Governor Trinkle arose to speak he was given the "glad hand," but as he proceeded with his address it was so apparent that the Governor was genuinely in earnest in the cordiality of his remarks that he was frequently applauded, and when he concluded he was accorded a big ovation. Equally cordial were the welcome addresses of Mayor Bright and representatives of the chamber of commerce and each speaker was given a warm reception. In responding to the Governor's address Henry Lincoln Johnson, grand legal advisor of the order, emphasized the fact that in all the history of the oorganization this was the first time that a governor had appeared in person to deliver a welcome address. Mr. Johnson's response was a masterly oratorical effort, revealing the "Old Master" in his best form. He electrified the convention and received an ovation matching that accorded the governor.

James T. Carter delivered the welcome address in behalf of the colored citizens and the Elk lodges of Richmond and Samuel B. Noble of Norfolk spoke for the membership of the State.

The Mammoth Parade

The notable event Tuesday was the mammoth parade in which between 30,000 and 40,000 marchers participated. The line was five miles in length and required an hour and a half to pass a given point. Stepping rhythmically to the blare of more than 40 brass bands, and resplendently arrayed in multi-colored uniforms the marchers held the gaze and elicited the admiration of the 100,000 onlookers until the last contingent had passed and the final tune had died on the air. Never has Richmond, never has any Southern and only a few Northern cities witnessed a parade so liberally equipped with music, never was there a blither spirit than this extraordinary and mammoth event revealed. Although the almost interminable line tramped on and on the marchers appeared almost martial in their order and in the execution of their commands, particularly was this noticeable in the drill teams of the various lodges represented—lodges from New York, from Chicago, from every large city of the East and many from the West even from far Havana.

Richmond not only poured out to witness the memorable spectacle, Richmond was not only interested in this event that had honored a Southern city, but Richmond was captivated. White and colored people vied with each other to see that nothing marred the spirit of the day and week. Wealthy whites turned the porches of their mansions over to crowds of colored people that they might get a view of the passing of the mighty caravan. Wealthy whites freely loaned high-powered cars to colored chauffeurs and maids that they might enjoy the festival in pomp and splendor. The city itself virtually went on a holiday, business houses and business districts not in the parade practically suspended activities in order that employees might see the mighty Elks in grand march.

At the intersection of Addison street with Monument Avenue, Governor E. Lee Trinkle and Mayor J. Fulmer Bright, with members of the Governor,s staff and many State and city officials formally reviewed the colossal line as it passed on its way to the State grounds. It was before the reviewing stand that the parade reached its peak of brilliance, and the band of each unit as it marched in review crashed out its melody in brisk, bouyant tempo. And it was here that the drill teams executed several of their more intricate movements.

The parade was scheduled to move off at noon, but owing to natural delay in assembling such a notable caravan, it failed to start before 1:30 o'clock. When it finally disbanded at the State fair grounds night had fallen. The picnic that was spread there was greatly enjoyed.

City's Hospitality

Great as was the parade, great as has been the convention, awe-beholding as it has been to see more than 80,000 Negroes gathered on the streets at a time, none of this has eclipsed the genuine welcome and hospitality Richmond has extended to the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World. The local arrangement committee headed by M. A. Norrell arranged splendidly for the coming of the horde. City officials had been apprised of what to expect in the way of crowds and the officials certainly heeded the advice. For the protection of the visitors, double platoons of police were kept on duty night and day. Double shifts of doctors and nurses remained on duty at the various hospitals waiting against any emergency. Director of Public Safety Shepard lined off certain streets and directed the usual local traffic to detour out of the streets in which the Elks held sway. City Council had appropriated $1,000 for street decorations. The spirit of cordiality, the smiles of welcome, the patience and tolerance and politeness of the police evidenced a sincere desire on the part of Richmond to show its appreciation of the Elk convention. Daily papers gave front page space and a plenty of it to the memorable event.

The order, so far, during the convention has been excellent. Of this the Richmond Times-Dispatch said:

Liquor Scare

Even Sergeant Sam T. Goldsby and his hootch-hunting squad were unable to uncover the normal daily flow of bootleg liquor. To all appearances the colored population of Richmond yesterday had combined to discourage the bootleg industry. The hootch-hunting squad had only one arrest to its credit at a late hour last night. In the Second District A. Berg was arrested on a charge of storing liquor in a house in the 100 block South Third street. And A. Berg is a white man.

For the First Time in History of Order Chief Executive of State Comes in Person to Make Address of Welcome ---Parade One of Most Spectacular---Good Will and Comity Prevail in Richmond, Va.

RICHMOND, Va., Sept. 3.—(A. N. P.)—For the past week this city has been the camping grounts of tens of thousands of Negroes from all walks of life and from every section of this country and from parts of Mexico, Cuba and the West Indies, gathered here for the twenty-sixth annual convention of the I. B. P. O. E. of W., from August 23 to 29. Beginning Sunday morning and running through until Tuesday morning there was a steady stream of visitors coming in from every direction until the crowd swelled to nearly 50,000 people. The entire city had put on her gay attire to meet them and as many as there was the home folk were equal to the occasion. Ample housing space had been provided; there being plenty of places for the visiting Elks to stay with lots to spare. So much preparation had been made that many of the people who had signed up for delegates did not get any. Every home had been turned into a welcome station taking in visitors as cheap at $1.00 a night. There was no over crowding anywhere; no over charging to speak of; ample places to eat at reasonable rates, and plenty of amusement.

The city was turned over to the Elks for the week. They were granted every courtesy that could be hoped for; jim crowism, segregation and prejudice if it existed in any manner here previous to the coming of the convention, was cast to the four winds. Visiting Elks sat anywhere they wanted to sit on the street cars, frequented any place they happend to pass and was given service when they demanded it. According to police records there was not the slightest disorder on the part of the visitors and no friction at all between the races. There might have been an abundance of whiskey here but there has not been recorded but two drunks of the fifty thousands visitors and forty thousand home folk. Many visitors, particularly those from the North who had misgivings about the South, or some parts of it, have been loud in their praise of the treatment accorded them while here.

The twenty-sixth anniversary services were held at the Fifth Street Baptist Church Sunday night. Among the prominent speakers were J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler; Henry Lincoln Johnson. Monday noon marked the opening of the first public meeting, held at the Rayo theatre. E. Lee Trinkle, governor of Virginia, delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the state. His talk was well delivered and very much appreciated. He brought down the house when he intimated in his speech that he too was an Elk. Some one in the audience yelled "Hello Bill" the Governor smiled in acknowledgement. Henry L. Johnson in responding to the governor's speech informed his hearers that this was the first time in the history of the fraternity that a chief executive of the state had come out to extend a welcome in person. He mentioned the fact that in Bostton, Chicago, and in other places, where the Elks had held its convention these officials had always sent either a substitute or their regrets. The Mayor of the city extended the welcome on the part of the city to which J. Finley Wilson responded. Wilson in his response seemed to forget that he was only responding to the welcome address of the Mayor, for he turned his talk into relating what he had done for the fraternity, and how much it had grown under his administration. Some one in the audience said that Wilson had sung his swan song by making his campaign speech at the wrong time. Some are of the opinion that that very thing will defeat him for the position of Grand Exalted Ruler. Many of his little tricks were thought to be out of place, particularly when he came into the meeing after it had gotten well under way and interrupted the speaker by jumping up on the stage from the floor and shaking hands with nearly everybody on the stage. Then in the line of march the day of the great parade he started off behind the column in an automobile and drove recklessly through the centre of the parade until he reached the head. Much criticism was heaped upon him for this stunt.

The parade, one of the most spectacular in the history of the Order and by far the greatest thing Richmond had ever seen, was a complete success. The streets were lined with people hours before parade time. It took the efforts of a dozen policemen in every block to hold the dense throng of white and colored people who had come out to see the great Elks' parade. It was half holiday in the city. Seemingly everybody had stopped work until after the parade, which was two and a half hours passing through the white as well at the colored section of the city. Fully 25,000 marchers were in line when the parade got under way, uniforms of every description gave the parade a glitter. This was no sombre military parade with rumbling caisson and dun uniforms, but a tenuous, perfectly disciplined frolic shining with gold. Resplendent in royal purple and dazzling white. The colors of the Order prevailed throughout. Every unit seemingly tried to outdo the other, consequently each unit looked the best, there being little to choose between any of the marchers in line. All uniforms looked perfectly new, each seemingly tailored to the measure of the individual wearer. It was a glittering, glaring thing of indescribable beauty, with music filling the air all around, while the line about two miles in length passed through the cheering throng that lined the entire eight miles walk which ended at the fairgrounds, where a competitive drill was to have been held and prizes awarded. It was a gala day and many convention followers says it was the grandest parade the Elks have ever made.

our "Smokeless Smoky City," in the person of Shelton Brooks, nationally known composer. For fear that we say something that Mr. Brook's might not understand, we will refrain from ating whether he did or did not spend any time on the Avenue.

Elks Ask Coolidge To Address Them Next Convention

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 22.—Through the newly created Educational Board of the Elks assembled here this week it was unanimously voted to invite President Coolidge to address the Cleveland convention of the Grand Lodge, which will meet in August of next year.

The action was taken following the reading of the President's speech to the American Legion recently in Omaha, in which he urged tolerance in matters of race and religion.

The President will be asked to address the first session of the Cleveland convention and to speak on the subject pertaining to the education of colored people.

SOCIAL PHENOMENA IN THE SOUTH.

The cordial welcome extended to the visiting delegates to various Negro conventions held in Southern cities during the past summer has aroused much comment and excited considerable speculation as to the causes that produced such social phenomena. For it was assuredly a reversal of form, when the Governor of Virginia and the city officials of Richmond officially welcomed the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and were photographed in a group with the grand officers of the order. Nor did the welcome stop at that. In an article printed in the New York World by Lester A. Walton, it was asserted that "during the convention segregation was abolished."

> The signs in street cars indicating "Seats for Colored Passengers" and "Seats for White Passengers" were taken down. Negroes sat wherever they saw fit. Even restaurants where Negroes never had broken bread were thrown open to visitors, as were other places of public accommodation. For the first time in its history Richmond temporarily took on the habits and customs of a liberal Northern city.
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> The Elks and other Negro strangers were also on their good behavior. Nearly 1,000 delegates attended. Hundreds of sightseers came from distant and adjacent points. Yet, with the largest crowd of Negroes that ever assembled in Richmond, there was not one arrest during the week. The leading white people do not hesitate to say the convention was not only a record-breaker numerically but that it was one of the most orderly.

In the city of Tulsa, Oklahoma, the scene of one of the worst race riots of recent years, the annual meeting of the National Negro Business League was marked by an equal measure of official courtesy on the part of the Mayor and other city officials. The Mayor was earnest in his praise of the comeback of the Negro residents, after the damages suffered from the riot, and was insistent that there would be no more riots while he held that office. The Mayor of Louisville, Kentucky, greeted the Knights of Pythias with cordiality when the Supreme Lodge met in that city, and was complimented by members of the fraternity for not referring to the inevitable Southern "mammy" or dragging in the race question. In fact, these officials of Southern cities appear to have acted in much the same manner as Mayor Hylan did when he welcomed the Independent Order of St. Luke to New York and conferred upon Mrs. Maggie Walker and her associates the freedom of the city.

While such liberality and freedom from race or color prejudice were to be expected in a cosmopolitan city like New York, it was not anticipated that Tulsa, Louisville or Richmond, the former capital of the Confederacy, would relax the rigorous enforcement of "jim crow" regulations in favor of Northern visitors. On this account many Northern members of these orders have op-

posed the selection of Southern cities for holding their conventions. The experience of these delegates has revealed a weak spot in the caste system of the South. It has demonstrated the futility of segregation and jim crow regulations. If such barriers can be swept aside temporarily in favor of Northern visitors without disastrous results to either race, the question naturally arises why they cannot be done away with for all time.

The holding of these conventions in the South should carry a salutary lesson both to the Northern visitors and to the community where they were made welcome. It has demonstrated the possession of a common humanity, which should lead to a better understanding of the merits and defects on both sides of the line. While such happenings may be regarded as social phenomena at present, the day may be expected when they will excite no greater comment than the St. Luke convention in New York.

But all this cordiality in Richmond must have shocked Major Cox and the Anglo-Saxon clubs, who can see only "separation" or "amalgamation" as the solution of the problem.

Letters to the Editor

Richmond Convention Left Only One Regretful Memory

Editor Journal and Guide,

Sir:—Whether the jump from Pittsburgh last year to Richmond this year was prophetic foresight on the part of those who nominated and of those who voted for it, as the place for the 26th annual convention of the Colored Elks, remain to be seen. History will check this and place upon it the proper appraisal, and as one of the delegates to this remarkable gathering of Negroes from every State in the Union, I believe it to have been the greatest thing that has happened with respect to racial matters since the discovery of America by Columbus, and the gallant surrender at Appomatox, despite a bitterness in the convention hall, only paralleled by the Democratic Convention at Madison Square Garden one year before. The Colored people, strangers from every part of this country, numbering over one hundred thousand, not only deported themselves in such a manner as to call forth the highest praise from the highest officers of the State, the press and the citizens as a whole, but unconsciously—by their conduct, put at rest for all time the oft repeated assertion that the South was not friendly disposed toward the Negro. As a Virginian, native born, I am taking this opportunity of saying that I believe the great body of Colored Elks, with their liberal tenets, hold to a large extent, the very future of the Negroes of this country, and the Richmond Convention has cleared the doubting mists of racial friction forever. It would be a good thing for the race to hold future conventions in other Southern Capitals, for as Richmond in the past represented the South, so in the present her magnificent spirit of race tolerance has taken a lead that makes for a greater and more perfect understanding between the races. The writer had the distinction of bringing the Grand Lodge of Elks to Norfolk in 1914. Eleven years have made a great difference, numerically and otherwise since that time, but the spirit of Virginia was dsiplayed then and Richmond has enhanced it. Richmond was tolerant, generous and sympathetic and the delegates and visitors were more than delighted with the reception accorded them. Thousands of automobiles choked the streets but the traffic officials were at all times courteous and human. As Richmond, the Capital of the Southern Confederack, where the greatest men of the Lost Cause fought and sought to retain slavery, has set up new standards of social justice, it marks a new era in the lives of Negroes in the whole country. There is only one regret—or maybe, criticism—I have to offer. The Press of the city gave unstinted praise to my people, but encouched in their reports was the word Negro spelled with a small "n". If Richmond could set a precedent for our considerate treatment; if one hundred thousand Negroes could gather in a strange place and win such praise, would it be requesting too much that in newspapers the Negro should be referred to with a capital "N"? This is not asking too much in view of the fact that many of the greatest papers have adopted this policy. Richmond has set a precedent in racial tolerance, let us as a race have fuller sympathy in having the stigma of inferiority removed—which is, after all, a system of humiliation.

—J. M. Harrison

Norfolk, Va.

RICHMOND VA. EVE. DISPATCH
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WAITING FOR THE MARCHING HORDES—How Broad Street looked when thousands of members of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World paraded here recently. It was the first big negro convention ever held in South, and was highly spectacular.

Times-Dispatch Photo

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"Infringement Has Always Been Resisted" Declares Moose Head

Secretary of Labor J. J. Davis Comments Upon Alleged Trespass by Negro Groups.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 24.—(P. N. S.)—Expressing regret over the pending litigation which has necessarily followed the infringement by Negro groups upon the name and purposes of the Loyal Order of Moose Secretary of Labor Davis, who is director-General of the original Loyal Order of Moose, emphasized that his organization had always sought to protect itself from unlawful duplication, in the same manner that a patentee sought to avail himself of the exclusive rights and privileges accruing from his own device.

"This attitude," declared Secretary Davis, following the close of an official conference with Raby E. Phillips, Commissioner of Conciliation in his office, "has been uniformly taken by the Loyal Order of Moose ever since the order was formed. Consequently, it has been necessary, more than once, to invoke extraordinary legal writs against infringes of the Moose rights in order to see that the Order might at least have the sole privileges of its own creation, rather than to sit idly by and see the works of years stolen away.

"The present injunctions pending against colored organizers of so-called Moose lodges are merely repetitions of similar suits instituted in the United States and Canada against previous infringements attempted long before this present attempt was made by colored organizers. They have merely followed others, who rather create a strongly organized, efficient order of their own, have sought to enjoy the privileges and rights of others, without effort therefor; and it is the purpose of the Loyal Order of Moose to resist all such present and future attempts as vigorously as the law will permit."

CONVENTION WEEK MEMORABLE EVENT IN SOUTH'S HISTORY

City Teeming With Hospitality To Mighty Throng; 100,000 Spectators Witness Mammoth Parade.

30,000 TO 40,000 MARCH IN FIVE-MILE LINE

By ROBERT A. CRUMP

Richmond, Va., Aug. 25—The stage was all set, the final arranging of the beautiful scenery had been suspended for a few days to await the stroke of the hour when the show would begin.

The city of Richmond was the stage; the splendid decoration with American flags and bunting, purple and white draperies that hung from every house and building, was the scenery; the people, both white and colored, of Richmond, was the audience and the 26th annual convention of the I. B. P. O. E. of W., the show. The blare of music and the swarming of hundreds of people that thronged the railroad stations and the shouted words of welcome as the multitude streamed in from every section of the country Sunday morning, August 23, ushered in what proved to be one of the grandest Elk conventions ever held. The entire day was given to the reception and registration of the ten special train loads of delegates and visitors that reached the city during the day.

Sunday night at the Fifth Street Baptist Church the annual sermon was preached at which time such prominent Elks as Henry Lincoln Johnson and J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler of Elks of the World delivered short talks.

First Public Meeting

Monday at midday at the Rayo Theatre on North Second street, the first public meeting was held. A wonderful program was arranged for this meeting which marked the real opening of the convention. His Excellency E. Lee Trinkle, Governor of Virginia delivered a rousing address of welcome in which he complimented highly the work of the committee who worked so hard to make the convention here a success. He spoke words of praise, of encouragement and of advice to the order, giving many of the cardinal principles of Elkdom. A storm of prolonged applause greeted him and some one in the audience yelled "Hello Bill" when he brought out the fact that he too, was an Elk. In his closing remarks after a splendid address delivered in all sincerity, the governor assured them that the State of Virginia was proud to welcome them here because Richmond and Virginia were the State and city selected to be the first city in the South to hold an Elks convention. In this, however, the governor and the daily papers might be slightly mistaken for the convention of 1914, while not as elaborate as this one, was held in the city of Norfolk, Va.

Col. Henry Lincoln Johnson, Grand Legal Adviser responded to the welcome of the Governor. Mr. Johnson began by addressing his remarks to the Governor saying: "We have been in existence for twenty-five years Governor, we have met in various cities thruout the country. When we met in Boston the Governor of the State sent a substitute to welcome us. We went to Chicago the Mayor of the city sent a substitute and the Governor sent his regrets. This is the first time in the history of this fraternity that we have received words of welcome from a chief executive of a state. And I'll tell you Governor it makes us feel 'bully' because the men who previously welcomed us in other cities had their say and then went away. They did not wait [illegible]

[illegible] These men and women gathered here are dependable citizens of the republic. We went with you to the dunes of Mexico with our Charles Young. We died in France. The dead are buried there, if you seek our monument look about you. We have never attempted to kill an officer, we have never assassinated a president, we have always left that to the benevolence of the white people."

Following Mr. Johnson was a welcome on behalf of the city by the Mayor who spoke very feelingly, relating at times bits of Negro history. J. Finley Wilson responded to the Mayor's address of welcome. Mr. Wilson's talk was rather long drawn out, he being so wrapped up, heart and soul, in Elkdom he seemed almost to forget that he was responding to the address of welcome by the Mayor, for he outlined, step by step, the wonderful progress the fraternity had made under his own administration as Grand Exalted Ruler. Some one among the officials on the stage was heard to remark that Wilson was delivering his campaign speech. Most of the people who did not have programs thought Mr. Wilson's speech was the closing address of the meeting for many of them left the Theatre as soon as he had finished.

Tuesday night was [illegible] moonlight down the river.

Wednesday morning the Grand Lodge session opened in full at the Rayo Theatre. Before the opening a great discussion was going on all over town as to the possible outcome of the election for the Grand Exalted Ruler.

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Negro Elks' Lodge Gives $6,000 to Medical Center

Contributes Cost of a One-Bed Room to Help Advance Welfare Project

A contribution of $6,000 from Manhattan Lodge, No. 45, of the Independent, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World, a Negro organization, was received yesterday by the Presbyterian Hospital toward its building fund for the proposed $10,000,000 medical center which it will share with Columbia University on Washington Heights.

This gift is equivalent to the building cost of a one-bed room in the new hospital about to be erected at 168th Street and Broadway, on a site extending from 165th Street and west to Riverside Drive, the gift of the Harkness family. The name of the donor, it was said at building fund headquarters, 17 East Forty-second Street, is to be inscribed on a suitable tablet.

J. Dalmus Steele, exalted ruler of the Elks' lodge, at the clubrooms, 225 West 134th Street, said the vote to make the appropriation was unanimous.

"It was the philanthropic nature of the medical center and the part it will play in advancing medical science, rather than any prospect of direct return, that interested our members," Mr. Steele said. "We are expanding our charity program and did not see any finer institution to aid than the Presbyterian Hospital, which has always done so much for our people."

Negro Moose Wins in Suit Brought by the White Moose

The Independent Benevolent Protective Order of Moose, operating under a charter granted by the Secretary of the State of New York won a signal victory on June 19 when the case brought by the Loyal Order of Moose, a white organization, was withdrawn and discontinued with the white lodge paying all costs of the action. The case was up for trial before Justice Jeremiah T. Mahoney in the Supreme Court, Special Term, Part VI.

It was based on an effort by the white Moose to prevent the colored order from using the word "Moose" in its title. The New York lodge was originally formed under a Moose organization which had its headquarters in Illinois, but on a question of taxation, the local body left the Illinois jurisditcion and took out papers of incorporation in this state, with Supreme Lodge headquarters established in New York City. Andred M. Robinson is superme dictator.

Trial of the case terminated suddenly when all the evidence presented by the white organization was adjudged incompetent, but this action was taken over the protests of Pope B. Billups, counsel for the colored body, who declared he wanted an opportunity to put into records the fact that the plaintiff organization is a foreign corporation, working under an Indiana charter, while the deefndant is a native fraternal body, chartered by New York State.

Past Supreme Dictators David McDaniel, Norman B. Sterritt and Samuel B. Mitchell compose the law defense committee of the order.

The legal end of their battle was looked afer by Assemblyman Pope B. Billups, who is supreme legal advisor of the order, and exalted ruler of Monarch Lodge, No. 45, I. B. P. O. of Elks, assisted by Attorney Vernal J. Williams, a member of Mr. Billups law firm.

POPE BILLUPS GETS VICTORY FOR N.Y. MOOSE

In the Supreme Court, Special Term Part VI, in New York City, Justice Mahoney presiding, the trial of the Loyal Order of Moose (white order) versus Independent, Protective, Benevolent Order of Moose (colored) was suddenly terminated after all the evidence submitted by the plaintiff lodge had been adjudged incompetent, by the plaintiff (white lodge) withdrawing from the case and discontinuing all action and paying cost.

The colored fraternity was ably represented by the Hon. Pope B. Billups, who made a vigorous protest at this character of victory, though a great victory it was, because he desired to get on record the fact that the colored order is a native fraternal corporation doing business under a charter granted by the office of the secretary of State of New York, whereas, the Loyal Order of Moose, supreme lodge, is a foreign corporation, incorporated in the State of Indiana.

Hon. Pope B. Billups is a graduate of the New York Law School, assemblyman from the 21st assembly district of New York, exalted ruler of Monarch Lodge No. 45, I. B. P. O. E. of Elks, supreme legal advisor of the Independent Order of Moose, and deserves much credit for the masterly manner in which he conducted the case, ably assisted by Attorney Vernal J. Williams, who is a member of the law firm headed by Mr. Billups.

Much credit is due the relentless courage and determination to fight for the rights of the Independent Benevolent Protective Order of Moose to the bitter end, put forth David McDaniels Norman B. Sterritt and Samuel B Mitchell, past supreme dictator, who compose the legal defense committee.

ELKS' ELECTION IS HISTORY MAKING; PROGRESS SOUGHT

SPIRIT TO CHANGE OFFICERS FORCE THE DECISIVE DECISION OF THE VOTERS OF JONES VALLEY LODGE AND REFLECTS THE GENERAL SPIRIT

Elks' Auditorium, Birmingham, Ala. June 8, 1925.—Out of the nearly three hundred Elks, seventy-two of them have assembled here for the hearing of the semi-annual reports, and the election of an Exalted Ruler, delegates to the Grand Lodge to meet in Richmond, Va., the latter part of August of this year, and the election of Esteem Leading Knight, Esteem Royal Knight, Esteem Lecturing Knight, Tyler and Outer Guard.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather the men are in fine spirit and the Exalted Ruler, W. C. Russell opened the meeting in regular form and the distinguished Joe Lawson is keeping the lodge interesting with his epithets of amusements, and attacks upon the unruly ones. In all respects the meeting is moving along in a smooth and happy fashion. When Exalted Ruler W. C. Russell began his report, he called ex-Ruler W. W. Greene to the chair, who presided during the rendition of the reports, and through the election.

The Exalted Ruler made an interesting address on the progress of the work during his administration and showing conclusively that all departments had made substantial gain, and the income for the order was accounted for [illegible] spirit of the future work. Secretary A. C. McClenny followed with a most interesting report, covering much detail of the work during the last six months, and made several recommendations.

A Spirit To Change Officers Predominates

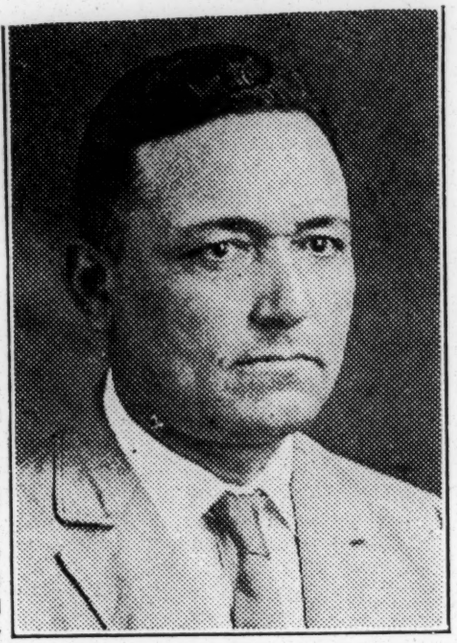
Notwithstanding the flattering report of Exalted Ruler Russell, the spirit for a change of the head overshadowed any progress made by the administration. There is a general sentiment, it appears, to change officers in the fraternity, and this attitude was thoroughly demonstrated when it came time to elect the Exalted Ruler, and some of the officers of the Elk Lodge. Mr. Russell had made a most creditable record; he had harmony with his officers, and they appreciated his tactful disposition to have things go on in a satisfactory manner, but it was the feeling that the order had suffered by allowing one man to hold office too long, and it was thought that the progress made by the Exalted Ruler was due to the fact that the membership had the courage to change officers at the time they did, and they believe now that greater progress will be made because of this change, as it stimulates interest and establishes confidence.

Officers Elected

Mr. James E. Kelley, former secretary of the order, was elected Exalted Ruler by a large majority when he ran against the present Exalted Ruler, W. C. Russell. Mr. Will Miles, elected Esteem Leading Knight; Mr. Raymond Rowe, Esteem Royal Knight; Mr. Sam Ball, Esteem Lecturing Knight; Mr. Peter Daniels, Tyler, and Mr. George Cannon, Outer Guard.

Mr. Charles Turner, Mr. J. E. Kelley and Mr. W. W. Greene were elected delegates to the Grand Lodge which meets in Richmond, Va., the latter part of August. The meeting was harmonious throughout, and Mr. James E. Kelley, Exalted Ruler-elect, received many congratulations on his election. He promises to stimulate the membership, and have an increase number and a more active body.

Mr. Ralph Harper, the secretary of the Trustee Board, read the report of the Trustees and it was complimented as the best report made by that body. Mr. Harper made many important references and comparisons.



MR. JAMES E. KELLEY

Exalted Ruler-elect of Jones Valley Lodge of Elks, Number 14, Birmingham, Alabama.

Richmond, Va., And The New Racial Spirit

The appended editorials are from the Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch, and they appeared on succeeding days during the session of the Grand Lodge, B. P. O. E., in that city, August 25-29. They are reproduced as displaying what is looked upon by many as an expression of a healthy sentiment newly arising in the South.

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All Rich l has prided itself, and unhesit. gly voiced its pride, on the remar ole success which has marked the convention of the colored Elks here and on the pleasant relations between the races which have been in evidence throughout the entire convention. Richmond, white Richmond in particular, has been inclined to pat itself on the back because of the utter lack of friction apparent during all the days and nights of the convention period. White Richmond has been quick to credit its own colored people and their visitors with good will toward all men, and has been even quicker to praise the parade and the band contest and the other events with which white Richmond has been in direct touch.

But it is not at all certain that white Richmond fully apreciates the vast amount of preparation, the infinitely large task of detail, performed by the colored men of Richmond who constituted the local committee on arrangements. The visitors were quite willing to do their best; but they could not have done their best if it had not been for the pre-convention efforts of the local men. When it is realized that the visitors about equaled in numbers the entire colored population of Richmond, some idea may be formed of the magnitude of the local committee's task and of the magnitude of its accomplishment.

None of this work was a flash in the pan; to the contrary, the local committee had been working for months, working patiently but energetically. Arrangements for accomodations for visitors have been explained in these columns more than once: the committee did not record as satisfactory accommodations for even one visitor until a succommittee had made a direct investigation of the space and even the beds proffered. M. A. Norrell, who has literally a genius for organization and who had every detail at the tips of his fingers, and his assistants and subchairmen arranged affairs so definitely and clearly as to put to shame all previous arrangements for any convention ever held in Richmond by white or colored people. So able is Norrell, indeed, that The Times-Dispatch has no hesitation in asserting that he is mentally and temperamentally equipped to carry through any sort of work that may be intrusted to him. It is, therefore, clear to those who have followed the proceedings of the convention, both before and after its assemblage, that its shining success has been due chiefly to the extraordinary ability of M. A. Norrell and his associates.

ENCOURAGING NEWS

The Elks held a most historic convention in Richmond, Va., last week. Whatever may have happened in the secret chambers of the order the election and other purely political matters the order established for the race a most encouraging record, and gave impressions never before made by a fraternal institution. At least seventy-five thousand persons attended the session and the white and Negro people are still singing the praises of that body. The daily newspapers used several columns a day describing the movements of the order, and the Richmond News Leader practically gave its front page Tuesday with display headlines describing the parade where twenty-five thousand were in line of march, fifty brass bands of the most noted in the Negro race furnished music for the occasion, and among this number was a string band with fifty or more pieces.

On this page is a reprint of an editorial appearing in The Richmond News Leader expressing the feeling of the Richmond people over the Negro Elks with special reference to the band which rendered a concert at Leader Square. This editorial is stimulating in its expression and interprets the true relation and feeling on the part of the Southerner for the Negro. It is marvelous to note that in such a large gathering that no roughness or ill-dispositions were expressed. While we make no comparison, this is as good as it could have been anywhere in the civilized world. Not with respect to inter-racial consideration, and inter-racial duty, but the cordiality and goodwill could not have been better where only one race had assembled for such an outing. Education and experience is working wonders in the affairs of men or our time. We need to be encouraged, gather in faith and go forward.

40,000 Negroes At Elks' Meet

Richmond, Va., Aug. 24.—The largest convention of negroes ever held in Virginia began today when 40,000 visitors were being received at the headquarters of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World. Sixty thousand are expected to attend, from every portion of the county, and the convention will extend for three days.

Jackson Ward, the negro section, was aflutter with flags and bunting. The carnival decorations stretched for miles through the streets and several dozen bands played for the surging crowds.

Governor E. Lee Trinkle of Virginia, together with Mayor J. Fulmer Bright of Richmond, was to welcome the convention at special exercises this afternoon.

It was neressary that the police department swear in an extra force of patrolmen and detectives, so great was the crowd. Sanitary engineers added many new men to their squads.

The majority of the delegates are being cared for in the negro homes and hotels, but it was expected a tent city would arise by nightfall on vacant lots adjacent to the negro section.

ELKS CAPTURE RICHMOND CITY IN BIG SESSION

RICHMOND, VA., Aug. 27.—The twenty-sixth annual convention of Elks in Richmond was the most picturesque and most successful from the standpoint of public estimation that the order has ever held. Nowhere by colored people has the convention been better entertained according to the facilities of the community, and nowhere at all has it been received into the homes and hearts of the white people as in the Virginia capital.

The governor of the state, E. Lee Trinkle, and the mayor of the city, J. Fulman Bright, occupied the platform of the convention Tuesday for three hours. They spoke in hearty terms of welcome, and were responded to by Henry Lincoln Johnson, in a masterly address, of southern flavor, that warmed the cockles of the hearts of everyone within hearing distance.

The city barred every restriction of normal times, and entertained Negroes so lavishly that it was a matter of constant marvel to all in attendance upon the convention. Colored bands and marching clubs made such a decided hit in the parade that the city was loth to have them depart. They serenaded the principal hotels and were guests in clubs and in the rooms of the white Elks of Richmond. The city press declared the convention the greatest, from many angles, the South has ever witnessed, white or colored, and gave lavish space to record of its progress.

The Tuesday parade, over a distance of ten miles, with 60 odd bands, and with variegated costumery and regalia, was the gayest thing that the capital of Virginia

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Elks Capturse Richmond City

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from. Ed Henry, of Philadelphia, announced his candidacy, but every vote of Pennsylvania, including votes of O. V. Catto lodge, were dead against him.

The state of Pennsylvania, for the sesqui-centennial next year, will appropriate $10,000 for the colored Elks if they will come to Philadelphia. Needless to say, Philadelphia cannot have both the Grand Exalted Ruler and the convention also. That is, this is the way it appears Friday morning. The Pennsylvanians will defeat Henry and take their chances in getting the convention for next year.

has ever seen. Business was stopped and throngs crowded crowded Broad Street for hours to see it pass. Governor Trinkle, Mayor Bright, J. Finley Wilson and staff reviewed the passing throng from a stand at Adams and Broad streets.

Sessions of the convention were overshadowed from the start by the evident fact that the strength of the votes was with J. Finley Wilson. The opposition began tactics immediately to stall for time, so that the two days, Tuesday and Wednesday, were totally wasted, in so far as business was concerned. At a late hour Thursday night, the opposition was fighting tooth and toenail for adjournment as the order of business approached the time of election.

J. Finley Wilson, scathingly attacked by George Bates, secretary, masterly refuted every charge made against his administration, and at nine o'clock Thursday evening, and again at 10 o'clock, might have been elected by acclamation. His managers, however, had a gentleman's agreement that no acclamation would be attempted that night.

Whether the tide will turn against Wilson today is not known at this writing. But where it can turn no one can see. There is no possibility of a turn to Steele of New York, as he has been successfully handled on the floor of the convention by his opponents. Watkins, up to this morning, in no wise had been heard.

THE MONARCH BAND CONCERT

(From the Richmond (Va.) News-Leader)

People began to park their cars on News-Leader Square yesterday afternoon by 4 o'clock in order that they might hear to advantage the concert promised by Mi-Tee Monarch Band of Lodge No. 45 of the colored Elks. By 7 o'clock the audience began to arrive. At half-past eight, the hour of starting, those who expected to stroll into Fourth street and stand close to the band found themselves barred by a multitude that filled News-Leader Square from curb to curb and overflowed into Franklin and Grace streets. No throng that ever watched the world series on The News-Leader magnetic scoreboard, or listened to the paper's loud speaker report of election returns, or cheered the announcement of a prize ring knockout, was as large as that which broke off conversation and removed hats the instant Band Leader Fred Simpson started the national anthem.

And scarcely a person in the crowd in any way failed to appreciate the splendor of the music that followed. There was no jazz, no wild racing of trombones up and down the scale, no mad roar of the drums, no sallies by adventuresome cornets. Control did not relax in the least from opening note to the finale. The sixty colored performers, with the strong foundation of abundant bass, had faultless attack and release. In a program that conceded nothing to the amateur—a program that was about as difficult as band-music can be made and still be effective—the Monarchs did not for a moment lose pitch or time. The comment of the crowd was that the band deserved the reputation it enjoys for true musicianship. It is so fine an organization, in fact, that The News-Leader has prevailed on it to give another concert on News-Leader Square tomorrow night, when a larger audience can be more comfortably handled.

The crowd was interesting as the band—and as good an omen for the future. No crowd in Richmond ever uncovered more promptly or so generally when "The Star-Spangled Banner" was played. No throng of such proportions ever was more orderly. White people and colored were in almost equal numbers. Crowded as the square was, there had to be some movement on the sidewalks, but there was no jostling—not even a frown or a muttered complaint. Good temper there was and good feeling as well. It was Richmond's answer to those whose prejudice or ignorance of racial relations made them vaguely apprehend some unnamed "trouble" during the Elks' convention. Nobody that knew Richmond or the visiting order had any fears or thought those of alarmists were worth dignifying, but everybody in News-Leader Square last night must have gone away with a new confidence that in Richmond, at least, the races can live harmoniously. The very music seemed to augur more harmony!

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Richmond, Va., reminds us very much of the child who puts on a clean dress for Sunday, or when mother is entertaining company, and remains on her good behavior during the time. When company is gone and when holidays are past, the little girl reverts to type—in other words, she wears her customary gingham apron, plays in the mud and generally misbehaves herself.

When 100,000 Elks invaded that historic city, capital of the "Old Dominion" and center of smug southern aristocracy, the city put on its best dress and company manners. She abolished all forms of Jim Crow during the week, threw open all her public and private places for the visitors and made things generally pleasant for them.

They were welcomed by the mayor and other city officials, given the keys to the city and made to feel that they were in a land where freedom and equality are recognized in Richmond as a part of its daily existence. During the mammoth parade, Richmond hospitality was at its highest, marchers being served along the route with refreshing drinks by Richmond white people. And because of these manifestations, Richmond is proud of herself, and modestly asserts that the rest of America is proud of her.

But instead of arousing America to a sense of Richmond's greatness, her Elk week conduct has merely raised the questions: If these things were possible during the Elk convention, why aren't they possible all the time? If Richmond can abolish Jim Crow law for 100,000 members of our Race for one week without injury to anyone, why can't she extend this same decency to the 54,000 citizens, almost half the population of the city, who live there and pay taxes to help support Richmond?

If the white people of Richmond are so proud of her "Negroes" why must they subject them to insults and humiliations with no other cause than that they are not white? Why are these people forbidden the theaters, restaurants, hotels and other places that mean

so much to a free citizen in a free country?

Richmond, by dressing herself up for the Elk convention, while leaving a pleasant sensation in the minds of her visitors from the four corners of the United States, did not make the impression she thought she did, for by her own hospitality she has destroyed her main argument for prejudice and a race problem. She has shown the rest of the South just how easy it is to live in peace with our Race where the attitude is one of fairness. Here, also, was presented a strong argument against "white America."

REINDEER PAY VISIT TO THE WHITE HOUSE

Many Delegates at The Capitol

Washington, D. C., Sept. 16.—The third annual convention of the Benevolent Protective Order of Reindeer held its sessions here September 13-16, inclusive.

The Grand Lodge met in the Pythian Building, 12th and U streets, northwest, and the Grand Chapter, which is the women's division, met in the Walker Memorial Baptist Church.

On Sunday the annual sermon was preached by the Rev. J. E. Kiser at the Walker Memorial Baptist Church. The services began with invocation. George Battle rendered a vocal solo. An American flag was presented, and the audience sang "America." The Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter officers were introduced. Remarks were made by the Grand Dictator, Nathaniel Burrell, of Asbury Park, N. J., and the Grand Most Noble Queen, Mrs. Bessie J. Wardell, of Boston, Mass. A special prayer was offered for William A. Leachman, dictator of Capital City Lodge, who is critically ill in Freedmen's Hospital. The sermon followed.

The public exercises were held Monday. Welcome addresses were delivered and responses made on behalf of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter.

Tuesday morning the Grand Lodge was called to order by the Grand Dictator, Nathaniel Burrell. Seven lodges were represented by delegates. The first day's session terminated with the reading of reports of the Grand Lodge officers. The Grand Secretary, John M. Stoute, of Newark, N. J., reported the order to be in a prosperous condition.

The session was enlivened by a visit of J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks, who is also a Reindeer. R. E. Pharrow, of Atlanta, Ga., Grand Trustee of the Elks, was inducted into the order and given a deuptyship commission for the State of Georgia.

Wednesday the delegates visited the White House, after which there was a street parade.

The Grand Chapter was called to order Tuesday morning in the Walker Memorial Baptist Church, the Grand Most Noble Queen, Mrs. Bessie J. Wardell, of Boston, presiding. Committees were appointed. At 3 o'clock a committee from the Grand Lodge brought fraternal greetings.

Wednesday night the Reindeer held their ball at the Lincoln Colonnade.

LOCAL WOMAN HEADS ORDER OF MOOSE

Next Convention Goes to Detroit

By Geo. Taylor

Bridgeport, Conn.—The second annual convention of the Fraternal Order of Moose closed Saturday. Mrs. Octavia Washington, of Baltimore, was elected head of women's department.

Andrew M. Robinson, of New York City, Supreme Dictator, lost his sight last winter, and David McDaniels was given power of Attorney to act in his stead.

Detroit, Mich., was chosen for the 1926 convention. The officers elected for the coming year are as follows: David McDaniels, New York City, Supreme Dictator; Henri Lewis, Detroit, Supreme Vice Dictator; Edward Nelson, Philadelphia, Lecturing Dictator; James Barrett, Asbury Park, N. J., Master Dictator of Works; W. W. Williams, Cleveland, O., Secretary; Norman B. Sterrett, New York City, Treasurer; Wallace Williams, Detroit, Sergeant at Arms; Samuel Swann, Yonkers, N. Y., Inner Guard; James Demming, New York City, Outer Guard; Pope B. Billups, New York City, Legal Adviser; Walter Peterson, Brooklyn, three year trustee; T. Leroy Sherwood, Bridgeport, one year trustee to fill an unexpired term.

Women's Department

In the Supreme Chapter, the following Officers were elected for the coming year: Octavia Washington, Baltimore, Md., Supreme Most Noble Queen; Lillian Anderson, Philadelphia, and Emma Davis, Princeton, N. J., Supreme P. M. N. Queens; Ada Johnson, Cleveland, O., Supreme Provincial Queen; Minnie Leatherbury, Camden, N. J., S. Director; Maude Brooks, Bridgeport, S. Chaplain; Florence Cochran, Cleveland, O., S. Sec.; Elizabeth Bunn, Asbury Park, N. J., S. Keeper of Chest; Nettie Pierce, Detroit, Sup. Mistress of Arms; Minnie Evans, Asst. Mistress of Arms; Lydia Johnson, Brooklyn, S. Marshall; Rebecca Ridley, New York, S. Organizer; Leona Brown, Cleveland, O., Asst. Organizer; Elizabeth Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., E. Inner Guard; Margaret Quarles, Brooklyn, S. Outer Guard, Maggie Hill, Asbury Park, N. J., three year sentence.

Order of Moses Meet in this City

The 48th Annual Session of the Right Worthy National Supreme Grand Lodge of the Ancient Independent Order of Moses opened at Fisherman's Temple last Tuesday with one of the largest enrollment of delegates in its history.

The Grand Lodge was called to order by Mr. George W. Grice, of this city, National Supreme Grand Master. All District and National Grand Lodge officers being present. Delegates from Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Connecticut being listed.

The program for the session was in charge of Mr. Westray who was assisted by Mrs. Marie E. Morgan, Mrs. Bertha Frederick, Mrs. Bessie Clark, and Mr. Isiah Greene.

Election of officers took place Friday.

Important Verdict Is Handed Down After Hot Court Fight

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 20.—Circuit Judge [illegible] A. Hamilton Monday held that members of our race have [illegible] Moose [illegible] the white organization, and dismissed an injunction suit against the Paramount Progressive Order of Moose whose rules, [illegible] are virtually the same as that of the Loyal Order of Moose white organization. The two bodies of Moose locked horns a year ago. The court refuses to [illegible] the light is just [illegible]

The Paramount lodge was organized January, 1922, [illegible] headquarters in St. Louis. Last autumn the white lodge filed suit claiming the Paramount brethren were using not only the name but were imitating the emblem, by-laws and ritual of the Loyal order and promising prospects the privilege of the Moose home at Mooseheart, Ill., and Mooseshaven, Fla. This our fellows denied.

Judge Hamilton held that the difference in case would prevent any confusion between the two orders.

"INFRINGEMENT HAS ALWAYS BEEN RESISTED," DECLARES MOOSE HEAD

Secretary of Labor J. J. Davis Comments Upon Litigation—Says Order Must Protect Itself.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 3.—Expressing regret over the pending litigation which has necessarily followed the infringement by Negro groups upon the name and regalia of the Loyal Order of Moose, Secretary of Labor Davis, who is Director-General of the original Order of Moose, emphasized that his organization had always sought to protect itself from unlawful duplication, in the same manner that a patentee sought to avail himself of the exclusive rights and privileges accruing from his own device.

"This attitude," declared Secretary Davis, following the close of an official conference with Karl F. Phillips, Commissioner of Conciliation, in his office, "has been uniformly taken by the Loyal Order of Moose ever since the order was formed. Consequently, it has been necessary, more than once, to invoke extraordinary legal writs against infringers of the Moose rights in order to see that the Order might at least have the sole privileges of its own creation, rather than to sit idly by and see the works of years stolen away.

"The present injunctions pending against colored organizers of so-called Moose lodges are merely repetitions of similar suits instituted in the United States and Canada against previous infringements attempted long before this present attempt was made by colored organizers. They have merely followed others who, rather than create a strongly organized, efficient order of their own, have sought to enjoy the privileges and rights of others, without effort therefor; and it is the purpose of the Loyal Order of Moose to resist all such present and future attempts as vigorously as the law will permit."

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ELKS HAVE VISIT FROM DISTRICT DEPUTY QUINBY

Lodge Is Urged To Keep Pace With Service Clubs in Community Work

Last evening Whittier Lodge No 1258 B. P. O. Elks entertained several visitors including Deputy District Grand Exalted Ruler Horace Quinby, of Alhambra lodge. The visit of the deputy grand exalted ruler was his official one, and following the initiation ceremonies, he gave a fine talk to the lodge.

Preceding the opening of the lodge the Elks-Municipal band gave a concert which was greatly enjoyed. This organization is considered one of the best concert bands in the county and the Elks' lodge has reason to be proud of the part it has had in making the band possible.

Deputy District Grand Exalted Ruler Quinby in his talk to the lodge complimented the officers for the splendid ritualistic work and also praised the special lighting effects which are used during the initiatory work.

He sounded a warning that unless the Elks watch their step the luncheon clubs will supplant them in civic and community work and urged the lodge to find a place in the van guard of every movement for the betterment of the community. He pointed out that in some lodges a special campaign is being carried on to assist in eliminating automobile accidents, and stated that among the 900,000 members of the lodge in the United States there are owned over 500,000 automobiles. Lending aid to a careful driving campaign was suggested.

Exalted Ruler Barber, of Alhambra lodge accompanied the deputy grand exalted ruler and he was invited to speak. His address to the newly made Elk was one of the best ever heard in Whittier lodge and both speakers were given continued applause.

Herrold de Grosse was called upon for a song and responded with two selections, which were greatly appreciated.

There was a good attendance at the lodge and the meeting of the officers following indicated that the coming year will be a prosperous one for Elkdom in this district.

MAY FORBID USE OF WORD 'MOOSE' BY NEGRO SOCIETY

Because they used the word Moose in their title, the Paramount Progressive Order of Moose, a colored secret society of this city, has been summoned to appear in the circuit court today to give reasons why an injunction should not be issued to the Loyal Order of Moose, a white secret society, prohibiting the use of the word Moose in the name of their organization. 1-2-25

The petition charges that the Negro lodge has falsely represented to prospective members that membership entitles them to privileges of two Moose homes at Moosehart, Ill. and Moosehaven, Fla.

It is further charged that the defendant organization secretly obtained the by-laws, rituals and emblem of the Moose Lodge and an injunction is asked to prevent such use.

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Negroes Give Versions of How Ritual of 'Moose' Was Created

One "Just Thought It Up" and Another Says It Was Bought.

Although many supreme officers and councilmen of the Paramount Progressive Order of the Moose, negro lodge, against which the Loyal Order of Moose is asking an injunction to restrain it from using the name "Moose" and their ritual and emblem, are not at all sure of the origin of their ritual and general laws, according to statements, Charles Helm, one of the supreme councilmen of the negro lodge, agrees with H. A. Stewart, director general and father of the lodge, that the ritual and general by-laws and emblem are entirely original.

Charles Helm, who resides at 3962 Finney avenue, and is janitor of the Wednesday Club and member of many organizations, according to his testimony, implied in his deposition taken yesterday in the office of H. A. Rosskopf, that he was one of the brains of the organization.

"Made Up Laws."

"I helped make the laws of our lodge," he said. "The whole laws were made by myself and five others. We sat down for several nights and thought them out. I belong to a number of organizations and lodges and I would suggest things to put in. I don't remember who wrote them, but we had a stenographer take them down."

Thus, he explained, were all by-laws and ritual of the Paramount Progressive Order of the Moose made by men who were versed in the affairs of lodges and without any knowledge of the books of the Loyal Order of the Moose.

"Pay $50 for Ritual."

Samuel Robinson and Edward Murphy, also councilman of the negro lodge, did not share the same certainty as to the origin of the lodge's ritual. Robinson is one of three brothers who were all officers and among the organizers of the lodge. Robinson testified that Stewart told him that he was to pay one white man, Newhouse, $50 for a book on ritual and general by-laws, and had a contract with Newhouse to that effect.

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NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 8. — The Third Annual Convention of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Moose of the World, Inc., was held during the latter part of December at the Adelphia Hall, 126 Mulberry St., Newark, N. J. The session was a very successful affair, from start to finish. Representatives from this State and other States, where the Supreme Jurisdiction of the Order extends, were present. The session proved an enthusiastic and lively affair. 1-10-25

Glowing reports of the activities of the workers that are busily engaged in organizing Chapters of the Order were received, this branding as false the rumors circulated by those who would make believe that the Moose Order was operating illegally and had been forced out of existance by reasons of heavy legal pressure brought against it by the White Order of Moose, through the injunction proceedings of the law. Another instance which proved to the satisfaction of all Delegates present that the Moose Chapters being operated by these women are legal, was the production in open session of a duplicate of the original papers of the corporation that was issued them three years ago, by the Sec'y. of State, Hon. Thos. F. Martin, Trenton, N. J. These duplicate papers of incorporation were read, accompanied by a certificate from the Secretary of State, stipulating that the papers were a bonifide duplicate of the original papers as filed in Trenton, Dec. 18th, 1922.

One speaker in commenting upon the occasion stated, "Had the men of this state, when they first organized the Order of Moose, displayed the courage such as these women did, the Moose organization would be flourishing in this country today".

The report of the Treasurer of the Supreme Chapter showed that the endowment funds were in splendid conditions, and that the Order was prepared to take care of any emergency that might befall them. Plans are being formulated to put on a country-wide membership drive in the very near future and organizers are getting themselves in readiness to organize Moose Chapters all over the country. In the early stages of the Convention the following officers were elected:— Supreme Most Noble Queen. Mrs. Belle Reeves, Newark, N. J.; Supreme Sec'y., Mrs. Mary E. Greene, Paterson, N. J.; Supreme Treas., Mrs. H. Blanche Harris, Newark, N. J.; Supreme Solicitor, Lawyer Isaac H. Nutter, Atlantic City, N. J.; Chairman of Trustee Board. Mrs Jennie J. Mack, Orange, N. J.

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The delegates will be received at the general headquarters, 400 East Clay Street, Monday morning, August 24th, from 9 o'clock until noon. At 1 o'clock in the afternoon, the public meeting will be held, at which welcome addresses will be delivered by state and city officials and citizens, in the Rayo Theatre, Second Street near Clay.

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FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND RAISED; MEMBERS COMPLIMENTED BY THE LEADERS

(By Staff Correspondent)

Tuscaloosa, Ala., August 21.—There is no building in Tuscaloosa to hold the Eastern Star Grand Chapter. The delegates started coming in Monday, August 17, and when the Grand Matron, Mrs. Janie M. Balasco, called the session to order Tuesday morning, at Hunter's Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church, there was nearly seven hundred delegates then present, and when the meeting closed the register showed some eight hundred with nearly three hundred visitors and friends. Notwithstanding the hot weather, the Grand Chapter continued in a very fine spirit, accomplished some very constructive legislation, and received much inspiration from the reports of Grand Lodge officers which showed phenomenal success, and unheard-of progress. The Grand Chapter was represented at the opening exercise Tuesday night by Mrs. George W. Baugh, of Tuscaloosa, and Mrs. Johnnie Jones, of Acton, Ala. They made brilliant addresses, and received heavy applause.

It was the addresses of the Grand Matron, Mrs. Janie M. Balasco, and the Grand Patron, Rev. I. H. Rose, that gave the Grand Chapter its working basis. Delegates heard these two

MRS. JANIE M. BALASCO

Grand Worthy Matron of the Eastern Stars of Alabama, and one of the most successful fraternal order women in the race. The Eastern Stars of the State of Alabama continue to succeed under her leadership. She was re-elected at Tuscaloosa session last week, and was complimented by the Grand Lodge with a liberal donation.

leaders with intense interest and appreciation. Mrs. L. L. Burwell, the Grand Secretary; Mrs. Addie D. Robinson, Endowment Secretary; Mrs. Ella V. Brazier, Endowment Treasurer; Mrs. A. G. Moore, Grand Treasurer; Mrs. Gibbs, the chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence, all made interesting and effective reports. It was the report of the Secretary of the Endowment, and the Grand Secretary, that showed that the order was making rapid gains in finance and membership.

Membership Increases

It was stated by reliable authority during the session that the membership of the Eastern Stars is twelve thousand five hundred and sixty-seven, and four hundred and forty-two chapters in the state. And according to the report of the committee on foreign correspondence, the Alabama Grand Chapter is the largest chapter in America today and continually growing. When these figures were read out to the members they gave the usual sign which indicated that they were happy, and greatly pleased. Many prominent citizens appeared before the body and delivered words of encouragement. All Grand Lodge Officers were re-elected and each officer was given an increase in pay.

The Grand Chapter received from all sources during the year forty-five thousand eight hundred fifteen dollars

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NEGRO SOCIETY MEETS AT CHESTER

Christian Home Benefit Buria Aid Doing Excellent Work.

Special to The State.

Chester, April 24.—The Christian Home Benefit Burial Aid society is in session near here and doing remarkable work among the Negroes.

This society is chartered by the state of South Carolina, but issues no policies to its members.

Its work is more of a charitable nature and according to the grand secretary's report, this society has paid out several thousand dollars for sickness and over $4,000 for deaths. It also helps members in distress.

This society was organized in 1903 by Maria Burton of Greenville. She is still the president and still holds influence over all the members. All the officers work without salary. The grand secretary is Prof. W. C. Richardson of Saluda.

The memorial services will be held Saturday afternoon and the educational sermon will be preached Saturday night.

The Rev. W. R. Bowman, who is the state agent, is attending district conference at Dalzell, will arrive here tomorrow, and make his report.

Hundreds of people are here from Carlisle, York, Newberry and Columbia. The meeting will adjourn Sunday afternoon, after a testimony and handshaking.

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A. U. K. and D. A.

A.U.K.&D.A. COMING 40, 000 STRONG

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40,000 VISITORS EXPECTED TO ATTEND A. U. K. & D. OF A. MEETING.

By M. T. BAILEY

As the hands of the clock and the dates on the calendar point to August 1st, from 25 to 40 thousand men, women and children who make up the juvenile department, the senior councils, officers council, the military department and the Grand Council itself, are making preparations in evry section of the country from Maine to California, from the extreme south to the northern region of Canada to leave their villages, towns, cities and states to meet each other at Indianapolis, Indiana on Sunday, August 2, 1925, when the military departments will enter Capitol and Harris at North western avenue, Fall Creek Parkway and 24th street, for one week.

The delegates will go to their respective locations and prepare themselves for the opening of the 18th annual session of the National Grand Council of A. U. K. & D. of A., Monday morning at Bethel A. M. E church, West Vermont and Toledo streets, by the national grand master, Hon. William H. Fields of St. Louis, Mo., together with the other grand officers throughout the United States and jurisdiction.

Never before in the history of Indianapolis have the citizens reviewed such a beautiful sight as they will on Sunday, August 2nd when special trains with the military departments and brass bands arrive from New York, Cleveland, Cincinnatti, Columbus, O.; Huntington, W. Va., Lansing, Mich.; St. Louis, Mo., and Chicago, Ill. The crowning point of beauty will take place on Friday when the grand spectacular parade at high neon will pass over the principal streets of the city and Friday evening when the competitive drill will take place at Tomlinson hall.

It is expected that many of the national grand officers together with Major General John A. Shackelford from St. Louis, Mo., Major General of the military department and Hon. William H. Fields, national grand master and Commander-in-Chief of the Military department, with many of the other staff officers, will arrive in advance in order to welcome this great army, on August 2nd.

The Chicago delegation and military department will travel in a special train over The Big Four Railway, which train will be in charge of Mrs. Eliza Jackson, state Grand Queen of Illinois and a member of Major General Shackleford's staff: Col. William Williams of the First Regiment of Illinois, and M. T. Bailey, chairman of the Pubilcity Committee of the National Grand Council and Regimental Quartermaster.

Inspection will show that great credit is due in advance to Mrs. Ada Goins of Indianapolis, state grand queen of Indiana, for the preparations made so far to entertain the coming guest.

Thousands See Marches In Weird Attire

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WILLIAM HERBERT FIELDS
National Grand Master, Ancient Nnited Knights and Daughters of Africa

Governor Jackson of Indiana was presented to the delegation by the National Grand Master, William Hubbard Fields to deliver welcome on behalf of the state. The Governor said he was pleased to be present in person to extend a welcome to so large a delegation of men and women who were engaged in making manhood and womanhood and business men and women throughout the United States. He said that Indiana was one of the greatest states in the Union. It was centrally located and was glad to have within its bounds the convention of the National Grand Council A. U. K. and D. of A. That he would assure them the greatest hospitality would be accorded them during their stay. At the conclusion of the governor's address Mayor Lew Shank was introduced by Rev. S. B. Davis, National Deputy Grand Master. The Mayor expressed himself in hearty accord with the workings of the organization. And he predicted for them a successful session while in the city. He threw the gates of the city wide open and turned the keys over to Dr. Davis that the delegation might go to and fro during thei rstay. He repremanded those who would walk by the business places of their own race in order to trade with other nationalities. He would be glad to have the organization to hold its next session in the same city. Response by the Hon Ernest Patillo, National Deputy, St. Louis, Mo., The Military Department and band fro daring their stay. He repremand- were then introduced by Major John A. Shackleford of St. Louis, Missouri from the following cities Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati, Ohio; Chicago, Ill.; St. Louis, Mo.; and Indianapolis, Ind. Welcome on behalf of the churches, Masons, K. of P., the Indiana Councils and citizens and the Sisters of Charity were delivered by Rev. Charles S. Williams, J. W. Burton, Dr. W. H. Armstead, Mrs. Ada Goins, and Mrs. Parthenia Crawford. Responses were by Rev. T. L. Scott, Dr. George M. Cathrell, Secretary-Tensure and M. T. Bailey. Followed appointment of committee on Credentials. Tuesday the National Grand Master read his annual report which was enthusiastically received by the National Grand Council. He made several important recommendations among which a monument should be erected in memory of Mrs. Ada Harris of St. Louis one of the makers of the organization. At night there was a great Mardi Gras Parade over some of the pincipal streets of the city. Followed by a public reception to the delegates and visitors at Bethel A. M. E. Church.

INDIANAPOLIS PREPARED FOR GALA MEETING

A. U. K. and D. of A. to Draw Thousands

By ALVIN D. SMITH

Indianapolis, Ind., July 31.—All arrangements have been completed for the coming of the national convention of the A. U. K. and D. of A. which opens here Aug. 2 and closes Aug. 8, so announced Mrs. Ada Goins, who is head of the local general committee on entertainment and also state grand queen of Indiana of the wonderful order. Assisting Mrs. Goins have been several others, including Mrs. Dazie Swanson, the general secretary of the local committee; Maurice White, head of the local publicity committee, and Roy Arnold, head of the military department for the state of Indiana.

Col. Arnold

The main headquarters have been set up at 415 Indiana Ave. Major General Shackleford of St. Louis has been in the city for two weeks and has approved all work done in preparing for the mammoth gathering. He states that there will be a larger encampment this year than last at Cleveland. The encampment will be located at 24th and N. Western Ave.

The Hon. Herbert Fields of St. Louis, who is the national grand master, has arrived in the city. He states that delegates will be here

A.U.K. & D. OF A. GR. SESSION AT INDIANAPOLIS

Governor Of State And Mayor Of The City Extend Welcome To Two Thousand Delegates. Grand Master Fields Makes Brilliant Response

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., August 5.—The 18th Annual Session of the National Grand Council of the Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa convened yesterday at Bethel A. M. E. Church at West Vermont and Toledo streets at 10 o'clock. William H. Fields, National Grand Master opened the session. Rev. T. L. Scott, Grand Chaplain of Chicago, Illinois, conducted the devotional exercises. The roll of the Grand Council was read by Dr. George M. Cathrell, Grand Secretary-Treasurer of St. Louis, Mo. The roll of Grand Officers was called and B. H. Mosby of St. Louis elected minute clerk. The National and State Grand Officers from St. Louis, Missouri, Chicago, Ill., New York City, Boston and Cambridge, Mass., Philadelphia, Pa., Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati, Ohio, Virginia, Kentucky and California were introduced by the National Grand Master. He then presented Mrs. Ada Goins, State Grand Queen of Indiana who is chairman of the committee of entertainment to entertain the large delegation at this session. The delegation arose in mass to honor Mrs. Goins and her local committee who had such a splendid preparation for this entertainment.

Governor Jackson of Indiana arrived at the church escorted by Major General John A. Shackleford of the Military Department of the A. U. K. and D. of A., with the first regiment of Indiana and Cincinnati, First Regiment Band. amid great applause of two thousand delegates.

William H. Fields, National Grand Master, presented the Governor as follows: "Governor Jackson, I am glad to have the pleasure this morning of presenting to you two thousand delegates and members of the Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa, who have already arrived from twenty-two states in the United States to hold their 18th Annual Session in this beautiful edifice. I am pleased to know that you have been elevated to the high office of Governor of this state, my native state, where I was born. This is indeed the greatest organization that exists at the present time among our group."

Governor Jackson extended a hearty welcome to the delegates and military department, to the state of Indiana and assured them that they would have an enjoyable stay while here. That Indiana was one of the greatest states in the Union, and while he was governor all races and nationalities would have full equal rights of life, liberty and the pursuits of happiness. At the conclusion of the Governor's address, Mayor Lew Shank was introduced by Rev. S. D. Davis, Deputy Grand Master, who then welcomes the delegates on the behalf of the city of Indianapolis. Response was by the Hon. Ernest Patillo, National Deputy of St. Louis, Mo. Major General Shackleford introduced several regiments and bands from the different states, including Missouri, Illinois, Ohio and Indiana. Mrs. Ada Goins, State Grand Queen of Indiana and her local committee were given great applause for the efficient preparation they had made for taking care of the delegates. The appointments of committees on credentials and short addresses of welcome and responses by Rev. Chas. S. Williams, J. W. Burton, Grand Master of Masons, Mrs. Parthenia Crawford, Indianapolis; Rev. T. L. Scott and M. T. Bailey of Chicago; Dr. George M. Cathrell, St. Louis. Convention will last through the week.

Teams from St. Louis, Indianapolis, Chicago, Columbus and Dayton, Ohio, were on the fight for first prize. Company C of St. Louis copped the first prize, commanded by Captain Slayton. Premier Company A of Indianapolis won second prize, commanded by Colonel Arnold. All teams made splendid showings.

One of the biggest features of the convention was the ladies' band of Cleveland; 25 composed the musical wonder organization.

At the Friday morning session at Bethel church officers were elected. The big parade was held in the afternoon and required two hours to pass a given point.

William Herbert Fields was re-elected as grand master; Ernest Patillo, national deputy grand master; Dr. Geo. M. Cothrell, national grand secretary-treasurer; Ozella Porterfield, assistant secretary-treasurer; Lillian Z. Smith, national grand accountant; Rev. T. L. Scott, grand chaplain; Leona Dix McKenny, national grand auditress; Ida Simmons, national grand queen; Virginia McIntyre, national grand princess; Mary Charleston, national grand mother queen; Nellie Burbridge and honor; Louise Hayden White, national grand secretary and treasurer of juvenile department; J. A. Shackleford, major general of uniformed department, and E. L. Westbrooks, national grand guard.

State officers elected were: Mrs. Ada Goins, state grand queen, Indiana; Mrs. Julia Cordell, Missouri; Mrs. Eliza Jackson, Illinois; Mrs. Ella Kato, Ohio; Mrs. Nettie Matthews, New York, and Mrs. Mae Todd, Connecticut. State grand mother queens were: Mrs. Mamie Goines, Missouri; Mrs. H. Deon, Illinois; Mrs. Isapling Young, Indiana, and Mrs. Cora Evans, Ohio.

The next meeting of the body will be held in Chicago.

SECRET ORDER GRAND MASTER RE-ELECTED

Chicago Chosen for 1926 Meeting

By ALVIN D. SMITH

The 18th annual session of the Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa closed its sessions here Friday night with the grand uniform drill contest in Tomlinson hall. The contest was the greatest the city of Indianapolis has ever witnessed. The great Tomlinson hall was packed to its capacity with an audience of 10,000 persons.

Major John C. Fulton of Cleveland, Ohio, headed the judges for the event.

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Ancient Order of Pilgrims.

MUCH APPLAUSE GREETS TEMPLE PLANS AS PILGRIM CONCLAVE MEETS IN WACO

WACO, Texas, July 11—Unity of purpose and continued cooperation are the two sentiments most evident here at the 43rd annual conclave of the Ancient Order of Pilgrims which is holding its sessions in the Second Baptist church, newly completed and beautifully appointed and at the Taborian Park on South Second Street.

More than the usual number of delegates representing all of the Sanctuaries of the state are in attendance and the business of the session is being completed with precision and dispatch.

The ritualistic opening of the conclave proper was held on Monday morning with Supreme Shepherd B. H. Grimes is charge of the services. Supreme Recorder James D. Ryan, efficient custodian of the records of the lodge as well as his special assistant, Dr. H. Thomas were in place seeing after the credentials of the various delegates. A short business session was held in the afternoon at which time the reports of the committees on rules and credentials were heard, and other committees were appointed.

Formal Opening Well Attended; Mayor Speaks

On this occasion, the city of Waco demonstrated its whole heartedness when Mayor Stone appeared in person and extended the welcome to the Conclave on Tuesday night when the formal opening exercises were held in the Second Baptist church in behalf of the City of Waco. Said he "It is really a pleasure to welcome to our city such a gathering of citizens who are demonstrating their ability to make progress as a corporate body. Your order is making a definite contribution to the welfare of Texas; and in behalf of the City of Waco, allow me to state that this contribution is not passing unnoticed. You represent the most substantial portion of any commonwealth, the law-abiding progressive people, who regardless of the color of their skins, are carrying the burdens of democracy and are adding to the welfare of the world. I feel that you are well worthy of the welcome that I extend to you and I wish that you would feel that Waco is glad of your presence and hopes that in departing, you will bear with you, its good wishes and hopes for continued success and prosperity."

The response to the address of the Mayor was made by Attorney A. S. Wells of Dallas who told of the "pleasure which the actual presence of the chief officials gave such a body of people." Said he: "it generally happens that on such occasions, some subordinate officials are sent to bear the kind greetings of the average city and the Mayor is absent. Your presence. sir, adds much to the effect of these greetings which you bring to us. Knowing as you do that we are an appreciative people, you realize the truth of my statement that your presence and the welcome which you have have delivered are highly welcome to us." The speaker then told something of the early history of the order and of the progress which it has made during the past few years. He paid a high tribute to the founders and was especially eloquent in his praise of the present officials, telling of the work of Supreme Shepherd Grimes and Supreme Recorder James D. Ryan. He told also of the future program of expansion which was in the minds of the heads of the order, including the $200,000 temple project as well as the program of health education which it included.

The welcome on behalf of the churches and civic organizations was delivered by Dr. A. S. Jackson commissioner of education of the A. M. E. Church who waxed eloquent and drew frequent rounds of applause as he paid tribute to the wonderful progress of the race as it is evidenced by such organizations as the "Ancient Order of Pilgrims which, headed by men and composed of members who fifty years ago were slaves, now owns and controls wealth to the tone of a quarter of a million dollars. It is wonderful. It proves that we are composed of the constructive stuff of which real civilizations are made and because of which empires rise and wax powerful. It is a pleasure for me to welcome you to Waco on behalf of our churches and civic institutions, on behalf of our schools and colleges which, representing the toil and sacrifice of our masses, stand as power arguments for our belief in Christ and the empire of the soul. Waco is a hospitable city and it bids you welcome, safe in the knowledge that its ability to extend to you the hospitality that you merit because of your accomplishment, is ample."

Remarks on the accomplishment of the order were made also by Editor Rice of The Express who briefly outlined the paths of progress which had been trod by all Negro institutions in their rise from nothingness to the position of recpect which they now enjoy. After paying a tribute to the honesty, steadfastness of purpose and the progressive spirit of the two heads of the order, Supreme Shepherd Grimes and Supreme Recorder Ryan, he urged every member of the order to exert all of his energies in order that the program of progress which had been outlined by them should go forward without delay. Said he: "Every real man and woman should take pride in his own concerns. He should think of them as the best to be found in the world. He must want for them the best in the way of progress that can be obtained and he must be willing to work as hard as he can in order that this progress be guaranteed to them. It is for every man and woman who is progressive to realize that improvement, though gradual is sure. That though the present is splendid, the future must always be greater. The full possibilities of this order, which now is great, cannot now be known."

Following the close of the program, S. D. Rose, who was Master of Ceremonies, introduced the Supreme Shepherd who made the announcements for the other meetings of the Conclave.

Pleasing musical numbers were given by the church choir, Mrs. Emma Lewis and Misses, Sorrelle and Jones.

Supreme Worthy Shepherd Makes Annual Address

Amid mich applause which from time to time caused him to pause, Supreme Worthy Shepherd B. H. Grimes read his annual message which told of the progress of the order and forecast the future in terms of continued progress. The reading of the message took place on Wednesday morning after the routine of minute reading and roll call had been completed and the new delegates had been introduced. A pleasing tenor solo by Dr. James Robinson was rendered just before the address began.

This marked the end of the tenth consecutive year of the tenure of office of the Supreme Shepherd and beginning his address he made mention of the fact. In beginning he declared "I count it a blessing as well as a privilege to be permitted with more precision and dispatch, and a recommendation which would create a charity fund for the order. In the conclusion of his address, the Supreme Shepherd told of the plans that were under way for the building of the temple in Houston on the plot of ground which has been owned by the order for the past few years. Much applause greeted the remarks which told of the prestige and reputation which would come to the order which would be the result of the erection of this building as a last-ing memorial to the efficient plan-ning of the heads of the order.

Supreme Recorder Tells of Assets of $243,696.43

Following closely after the annual address of the Supreme Worthy Shepherd came the report of the Supreme Recorder Ryan who told of the assets of the Order which now total nearly a quarter of a million dollars. Though brief and concise upon the satisfaction which its standing gave to all of those who knew all of the facts as to its condition. He waxed eloquent as he described the progress which it had made during the last few years and of all of its early struggles, and linking these up with its program of expansion for the future which included the building of the $200,000 temple and the plan of health education which has been proposed, he prophesied a more brilliant future career for it than had ever before been the case.

He distributed a printed statement of the finances of the order to each of the delegates present. The statement contained the following facts showing the reason for the unusually high percentage of solvency of the order, real estate holdings of the order are listed at $25,000, loans and mortgages at $6,150, cash both interest bearing and non-interest bearing at $211,336.23 all of which together with outstanding checks and the suspense account made the total assets of the order $243,696.43. This statement was certified by the Supreme Board of Trustees which made the annual audit of the office of the Recorder on June 25th.

Medical Examiner Reports

The report of the Supreme Medical Advisor Dr. H. E. Lee showed that during the year 4329 applications for membership in the order had been received and passed on by his office and that the average of these applicants was 39. He then told in detail of the plan of the heads of the order to improve the general health of the jurisdiction by releasing quarterly pamphlets on general health. He told of the necessity of the improvement of the general health of the race and mentioned in detail the efforts on a large scale which were being made all over the nation to lesson the death rate from preventable disease in all races.

Other reports of the session included the report of the Supreme Worthy Locker, Prof. Jesse Washington, who told of the cash balances of the order and the credit which they guaranteed the Board of Trustees composed of P. N. Stevens, R. G. Lockett and J. M. Robinson, the Supreme Council, Col. Louis Lyons, well known fraternalist and the state is a member of the deputies who had been appointed by the Supreme Shepherd to conduct the drives all over the state. Among the deputies the reports of G. E. Kennedy and Ellis P. Wren were particularly commendable.

Large Crowds Attend Every Open Meeting.

The esteem in which this order is held by the citizens of Waco is evidenced by the large crowds which are in attendance at every open meeting which is held. Beginning with the opening session and continuing through the annual memorial service which was held Wednesday night at the Second Baptist church at which time the sermon was preached by Rev. Hayden, till the time of the public installation when the Taborian Park was literally crowded with the throngs of delegates and friends of the order, every service has been witnessed by crowds which taxed the capacity of the buildings in which they were held.

Many well known fraternalists and business men and women of the state are present here as delegates and officials of the order or as friends and well wishers. Among those seen early in the session were Atty. A. S. Wells, Dallas; Dr. A. S. Jackson, Col. Luis Lyons, Austin; Prof. Jesse Washington Van H. McKinney, J. S. Fairchilds, Houston; Mrs. Elvidge Jackson Houston; Mrs. P. E. Caswell, Tyler; Mme. Elmore of San Antonio who made her presence felt by the distribution of souvenir pencils during the Wednesday morning meeting, Dr. James L. Robinson, Orange; Dr. Hobart Thomas, Houston; Prof. R. G. Lockett, Houson; Dr. J. W. Fridia, Dr. H. L. Smith, both grand officials of Tabor, Lawyer R. D. Evans, S. D. Rose and others.

The main closing feature of the Conclave was the parade which consisted of many beautifully decorated cars and uniformed bands which passed through the principal streets of the city and ended the line of march at the Taborian Park where the installation services were held.

HOUSTON LANDS NEXT CONCLAVE; ALSO BUILDING

The Houston delegation, which attended the annual conclave of the Ancient Order of Pilgrims in Waco, last week, brought the bacon home, the 1926 annual session of the oder to be held in this city.

An Informer reporter interviewed Prof. James D. Ryan, supreme worthy recorder, Tuesday, and the educator-fraternalist stated that the Waco conclave was the most enthusiastic and largely attended in recent years, and many forward steps were taken to place the Pilgrims on a higher pinnacle in the fraternal realm.

The conclave voted unanimously to approve the building program as already under way, which calls for the erection of an office and home building to cost not less than $200,000 on the order's property at West Dallas, Dallas and Bagby streets, Fourth Ward. This proposition is a big undertaking and plans are now being drawn for an imposing and beautiful structure to grace the Houston property.

The annual reports of Prof. B. H. Grimes, supreme worthy shepherd, and Prof. Ryan, the scribe, showed that the membership had increased considerably during the past fiscal year and that several new lodges had been organized.

According to Prof. Ryan, arrangements are now being perfected whereby the order will secure the services of men who have had insurance experience, in order that the Pilgrims may put over both a fraternal and economic program.

With one lone exception, all the officers were re-elected by acclamation, and the defeated officer lost by a vote of 2 to 1.

The report of the supreme worthy recorder revealed the following:

ASSETS:

Real Estate		$ 25,000.00
Loans and Mortgages		6,150.00
Houston Gas & Fuel Co., Deposit		25.00
Outstanding checks	$ 388.26	
Suspense	796.94	
CASH:		
Non-interest	$ 85,132.38	
Interest	126,203.85	
GROSS ASSETS		$243,696.43
Deduct Assets Not Admitted		1,185.20
TOTAL ADMITTED ASSETS		$242,511.23

LIABILITIES:

Death and Burial Benefits	$ 8,940.00
Open Accounts	7,287.50
Total Liabilities	$ 16,227.50
Mortuary Relief Fund	111,542.57
Home Office and Mortuary Reserve	109,280.76
Excess Assets Over Liabilities	$226.283.37

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American Woodmen.

Abner and Lightner Retain Places at Head of American Woodmen

The culmination of the hectic campaign for political preference in the American Woodmen Convention which has been in session here this week, was the re-election of Dr. E. W. D. Abner as Supreme Commander and of L. H. Lightner as Supreme Clerk. Among the candidates for the place of Dr. Abner were, General John L. Jones of Dallas, Texas, who has had charge of the Uniform Rank of the Order for several years, C. C. Trimble, National Supervisor of Louisville, Ky., H. L. Billups, Vice Supreme Commander of Philadelphia, J. E. Robinson, National Advisor, Columbia, S. C., and E. E. Carrington, National Auditor. Among the candidates for the office of Supreme Clerk were J. T. Bush, of St. Louis; E. S. Carrington of Detroit; Dr. Craig of Cleveland and Harold Brown, connected with the office in Denver.

More Than a Thousand in Attendance

More than a thousand persons representing more than twenty-five states are in Denver this week attending the meetings of the Grand Lodge and on all sides operations of the candidates for these offices have been evident. Every meeting has been well attended and all through the week, the tension has been felt in every movement.

On Tuesday, a mammoth parade which extended for three miles when in actual formation, passed through the principal streets of the city and was viewed by housands who lined the walks of the main thoroughfares. The convention closed on Friday night with a banquet and public installation of officers.

Woodmen Re-Elect Abner at Denver

DENVER Colo., Aug. 28.—(A. N. P.)—More than one thousand delegates and visitors were in attendance last week at the Sixth Quadrennial Session of the Supreme Camp of the American Woodmen. The opening and welcome program was staged Monday night after the special trains from Texas, Alabama, Illinois, Ohio, and twenty six other states in which the American Woodmen order had arrived. Mayor B. F. Stapleton delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the city.

The parade was held Tuesday. Thousands crowded the streets and braved a steady down-pour of rain as more than three miles of moving humanity passed down the principal thoroughfares of Denver. Never in the history of Colorado's capital has such a gorgeous array and spectacle passed through the city streets.

The electrifying effect of Dr. Abner's address was instantly noticeable at its close. Strong men leaped from the audience and snatched Dr. Abner from his feet and placed him high upon the altar of the Church as the Supreme Clerk cast the unanimous ballot of the Supreme Camp for the Supreme Commander.

American Wooden To Have Convention Fight

Philadelphia, Pa. (Special)—The American Woodmen meet in their Quadrennial Convention in Denver, Colorado, next week, and from present indications the meeting promises to be one of strong political cross-currents and under-currents. This is the first convention since the death of former Supreme Commander C. M. White, who is credited with having safely pilotted the order to its present high standing among fraternals.

The candidacy of Jno. L. Jones for the Supreme Commandership as announced in dispatches last week, is the first big gun fired. Dr. E. W. D. Abner is the present Supreme Commander and is said to seek re-election. While there is general dissatisfaction with the administration of Dr. Abner, and a general tendency on the part of the members to demand a change, even his bitterest enemies admit that General Jones should not be successor to Dr. Abner. Inquiry reveals that among the candidates for the office are Hon. C. C. Trimble, National Supervisor, Louisville, Ky., Hon. H. L. Billups, Vice-Supreme Commander, Philadelphia, Pa., J. E. Robinson, National Advisor, Columbia, S. C., and E. E. Carrington, National Auditor.

Of even greater interest, however, is the contest expected to develop for the office of Supreme Clerk, now held by L. H. Lightner. In a circular issued by a Member's Committee for distribution at the convention, are set forth charges of mismanagement against this officer, and an active candidate for his office will be brought before the Convention. It is claimed by this committee, which opposes Lightner's re-election, that he is a "white man's Negro." He is reputed to be closely associated with white politicians, in Colorado, with Ku Klux Klan proclivities. It is known that he employes for the society, a white attorney, who is paid $5,000 per year. The contention is made that many Negro lawyers, much more capable, are available and that a Negro lawyer should be employed by the Society. It is also charged that through Clerk Lightner, a white realtor controls the loan business of the society, and has loaned funds of the society to the home-owners and farmers, and that Negroes seeking such loans cannot get them, although their security may be as good. It is claimed that on many of the loans made by the white realtor, Clerk Lightner has received fat commissions, and that, in fact, a report of Insurance Department Examiners criticising and revealing this and other acts of mismanagement by the Supreme Clerk, has been suppressed and withheld from publication, although the custom is to publish such reports for the members. It has also become known to the members of the Society that through bad loans made by this officer, through the white realtor and loan agent, $200,000 of the society's assets have been lost since the death of Mr. White. The resignation of former Supreme Auditor, Prof. J. E. Ormes, as an active officer of the society, and the statement of his friends that his resignation was due to dissatisfaction with the management of the society, has caused much speculation among members, although no public statement has been forthcoming from Mr. Ormes. Candidates for the office of Supreme Clerk being favorably mentioned are: J. T. Bush, St. Louis, Mo.; E. E. Carrington of Detroit, and Mr. Craig of Cleveland, Ohio. No candidate for the office of Supreme Auditor, now vacant, has been mentioned, although it is said that the present administration will back Harold Brown, Head Auditor in the Home Office, for that position.

An interesting side-light on the whole situation is the claim of a friend of Dr. Abner that the candidacy of General Jones for the Supreme Commandership has the silent support of Supreme Clerk Lightner, who hopes by this means to turn the spot-light off himself and create a situation in which he may gain the coveted office of Supreme Commander.

Twenty-five states will be represented at the convention. Texas, the North Central States and the Eastern States expect to send large delegations, and because of the internal conditions existing, it is expected that a battle royal for office will be a marked feature of the convention.

Five Hundred Delegates And Officers Attend Sixth Quadrennial Session Of American Woodmen In Denver, Col.

Mayor And State Officials Welcome Delegates; Other Interesting Addresses Made By John L. Webb and Dr. E. W. D. Abner, Supreme Com.

Denver, Col.—More than one thousand delegates and visitors attended the Sixth quadrennial session of the Supreme Camp of the American Woodmen. Hospitable Denver has extended a hearty welcome to the delegates.

The opening and welcome program was staged Monday night, August 10, after the special train from Texas, Alabama, Illinois, Ohio and twenty-six other States, in which the American Woodmen operates, had arrived. The City Auditorium was filled to overflowing at eight o'clock when Clarance Reynolds, the municipal organist, began his half hour rendition of selections on the pipe organ.

Mayor Welcomes Delegates

Mayor B. F. Stapleton delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the city and was followed by Hon. John Boatright, Attorney General of Colorado.

Those seated on the platform were Dr. E. W. D. Abner, supreme commander; L. H. Lightner, supreme clerk; G. W. Norman, Austin, Texas, supreme banker; Dr. T. T. McKinney, supreme physician; E. E. Carrington, Chicago, Illinois, supreme auditor; A. T. Washington, supreme sentry, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. M. I. Smith, national worthy guardian, Philadelphia; Supreme Watchman, J. N. Croon, Florida; T. J. Linton, Supreme Escort, Atlanta, Ga.; John L. Webb, Hot Springs, Ark.; Mayor B. F. Stapleton, Atoorney General John Boatwright.

Sessions Open

Zion Baptist Church was filled to overflowing Tuesday morning when the gavel was sounded by the Supreme Commander E. W. D. Abner. J. T. Bush of St. Louis, was named as chairman of the credential committee. Newspaper reporters, Rev. W. D. Certain, Jacksonville, Fla.; and Mrs. Laura Greenly in honor of Misses Iola B. Wall and Edna Scott of Washington, D. C., niece and grandniece of Mrs. Elsworth Cuff. Guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. Elsworth Cuff, Misses Louisa and Rosebud Woodle of Roselle, N. J., Mr. and Mrs. Adams, Theodore Winston, Harriam Blue, Kansas City, Mo.; Prelate, Rev. Wm. Fowler, Columbus, Ohio. The Convention adjourned immediately following the selection of the various sessions' officials.

Promptly at one-thirty the parade began to form at Camp C. M. White, moving on 30th street to Welton, West on Welton to 16th, North on 16th, to Araphoe, East on Araphoe to 19th, South on 19th to Champa, East on Champa to C. M. White. Thousands crowded the streets and braved the steady downpour of rain as more than three miles of moving humanity passed down the principal thoroughfares of Denver. Never in the history of Colorado's capital has such a gorgeous array and spectacle passed through the city's streets.

Headed by Denver's colored policemen and firemen, the parade passed in the following order : Major General John L. Jones and staff; Uniform Rank, 2nd Regimental Band, Cleveland, Ohio; Supreme Commander and wife, Supreme Clerk and wife, National Officers, 1st Regimental Band (ladies), Akron, Ohio; Military units from Evanston, Ill.; Birmingham, Ala.; Pueblo, Colo. Chicago, Ill.; Denison's Band, ten cars occupied by supervising deputies, Forth Worth Band, seven floats, symbolic of the Uniform Rank and the Brush Burners and Juveniles, Denver Court of Calanthe, Olinger Cadet Band, Denver Lodge No. 39 Band, I. B. P. O. E. W., Elk Officers, four cars of Juveniles. The parade was revieweda by Supreme Officers from the review-ing stand at 24th and Champs streets.

Prof. Shirley L. Liggins, directed the singing at the Memorial Services Tuesday night. The invocation was delivered by the Rev. C. H. Uggams, after which "Crossing the Bar" was most fittingly sung by the Scott M. E. Quartette. Another vocal number "Out of Dusk" was rendered by Miss Wiggley. The National Supervisor, C. C. Trimble, of Louisville, Ky., delivered the eulogy upon the life, work and achievements of the late Supreme Commander, C. M. White. Zion Baptist Choir rendered several selections during the services. The National Advisor, J. E. Robinson, pre-ided during the services.

Four hundred and twenty-seven delegates representing twenty-three States and not including the deputies, were present.

The Convention adjourned to meet in Los Angeles, Cal., in 1924.

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constitutional amendments, which are designed to protect the American citizen in life, liberty and property, and above all to protect the Negro in his right of franchise, and in his security from lynching mobs. Where is the "due process of law?" The *laissez-faire* attitude of the police powers of the State, and the grafting of the enforcement agents who have become the super-bootleggers during the last five years, are responsible, largely, for this nefarious condition.

No one sorrows that the "Red Light Districts", with their unhallowed traffic is gone—forever; but everyone regrets that the illegitimate "hooch" joints, with their death-dealing dispensing of poisonous concoctions of liquor, are springing up like mushrooms every day. These joints are places where the doors are locked and chained, and a lookout sits brazenly up at the window and passes on the admissions of patrons. The public—the long suffering taxpayer—realizes that his money is being grafted away, and that prohibition has become a license and a fat-paying proposition for those who are entrusted with the enforcement of the law.

These joints are generally stuffy, and seethe with filth and vermin. No "hooch" is in sight, for it is generally kept in a safe or in an adjoining room or closet. The bar man cries out his order through the wall, and the concoction is passed out through a dirty rat hole in the wall, and the bar man sets it up on the counter to the patron, with the injunction to "drink it quick," and the poor deluded patron gulps it down without even smelling it. If there is one type of violator to be abhorred more than the "hooch" seller, it is the "hooch" drinker, who pays his good money for the privilege or the risk of being poisoned.

For there is often "death within the cup."

These joints are a votive sentiment against the Eighteenth Constitutional Amendment and the Volstead Act; a brazed affront to good government a flagrant disrespect for law. The Amendment, with its statutes, should be enforced, modified, or repealed.

What shall we say of the lookout man in the "hooch" joint? He is to be pitied more than anyone concerned, except the "hooch" drinker. This factotum is, frequently, one who has won a dubious reputation by cutting, shooting, or serving a prison term. His every feature portrays his character. He is supposed to know all the "regular fellows" and the "stools." He gets little compensation, outside of his drinks. He is the bully, the bouncer and the man who money, rowdy prowess, or fame in the underworld, peradventure, might tempt to aid and abet in any crime. God pity him! He is a picture from life's other side.

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Knights of Ethiopia.

National Supreme Head Knights of Ethiopia Visits Georgia-Fla. Camps

Dr. A. W. Womack, head of the Knights of Ethiopia, a benevolent fraternal society, operating in more than [illegible] of the Union, with national headquarters in Detroit Mich., arrived in the city Tuesday morning, and addressed a mammoth crowd of members and spectators at West Mitchell Street C. M. E. Church, at night. He held the audience spellbound, speaking from the subject, "Approaching Daybreak."

Among other things the Director said, was that "when Greece was yet young, Rome unknown, before Abraham was, or the Jewish commonwealth had a name; when Europe was languishing in barbarism and America was unknown, (Ethiopia) black men were erecting pyramids, carrying on commerce, building cities, masters of science, art and architecture, and boasting of her old and civilized kingdoms."

He showed while Ethiopians for more than 3,000 years have been the targets of all other groups, and the burden-bearers, and Africa and her descendants have been no great force in the development of civilization, that before this time Ethiopia had her kings, queens, poets, bards, churches and colleges, philosophers and dignitaries. This black race had her Cypian, Dido, her Tertullian and Hannibal, her Athanasius and Augustine.

She contributed more than her quota for the spreading of Christianity.

If St. Luke was not black, he was born in Africa; Simon, of Cyrenian, was Christ's co-burdenbearer of the cross.

Origen, Bishop of Alexander; Julius Africanus, Athenasius and Dionysius, celebrated Bishops of Alexandria, and Cypian, Bishop of Carthage, were all of the crisped hair, flat nose and thick-lipped race."

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Odd Fellows.

Temple of Odd Fellows In Texas Cost Over $250,000

HOUSTON, Tex., Jan. 29. — According to the statement of Grand Master H. G. Goree, the Temple of the Odd Fellows of Texas which has been in process of construction for the past few months, has been completed and was turned over to the Grand Lodge recently by the contractors.

Plans for a dedicatory service and celebration are already under way and it is expected that the occasion will be one of the greatest that Texas fraternities have ever seen. This occasion will be staged about the first of the new year.

The temple, which is located at the corner of Louisiana and Prairie streets, will represent the investment of more than $250,000. It is the culmination of a life long dream of Grand Master Goree and its construction has been personally supervised by him for the past few months. It is modern in every detail, being constructed of steel, brick and concrete. Every room will also contain hot and cold water.

In addition to housing all of the offices of the Grand Lodge the temple will offer office space to the majority of the business and professional men of Houston. Already all of the available space has been contracted for and in some cases special arrangements have been built in for the offices of those who have taken long leases on their space in the building.

Grand Lodge Financed Project

One of the unusual features of the building of this temple was the fact that the project from start to finish was financed by the Grand Lodge itself. The condition of the Endowment Department of the order was of such that the surplus funds of the order were sufficient to complete the project.

The building is situated on one of the choicest downtown lots of the City of Houston and the building is looked upon as one of the best investment of its kind ever made by the Negro fraternities of Texas.

Impressive Ceremonies Mark Formal Dedication of $275,000 Structure in Houston Last Sunday. Secretary Riddle Reads Statement Showing Order Worth $835,086.74. All Office Space in Building Taken

HOUSTON, Texas,, Feb. 21—Music, speeches and demonstrations such as the city of Houston has not seen for many years were the feature of the formal opening of the new $275,000 Odd Fellows Hall which has just been completed at the corner of Milam and Prairie streets. All of the grand officers of the Order were present and made speeches in praise of the splendid accomplishment of the Order in completing this monument to Negro financial ability. All were loud in their praise of Grand Master Goree for the large part which he played in the erection of the building.

The following is the program as rendered on the occasion:

Overtures .....Odd Fellows Band
Music ..... Antioch Orchestra
Invocation .....Rev. E. O. Woolfolk
Pastor Trinity M. E. Church
Music .Coleridge-Taylor Choral Club
Introduction of Grand Master .....
C. F. Richardson
"Odd Fellows Temple" .....
Hon. H. G. Goree
District Grand Master
"Houston's Gratitude" .....
Prof. M. Terrell
Music .....Antioch Orchestra
Short Addresses .....
J. H. Riddle, Secretary Endowment Department; Mrs. J. C. Frazier, District Most Noble Governor; Prof. G. W. Jackson, Deputy District Grand Master.
Music Coleridge-Taylor Choral Club
Dedicatory Sermon .....
Rev. E. L. Harrison
Pastor Antioch Baptist Church
Introduction of Grand Lodge and Grand Household Officers. Contractor, Architect and Distinguished Visitors
Benediction .....Rev. J. H. Smith
Pastor Wesley Chapel A. M. E. Church
Music .....Odd Fellows Band

Grand Master Goree was introduced by Editor C. F. Richardson, owner of the Houston Informer and recently appointed custodian of the Temple. The Grand Master spoke at length of the troubles which arose during the days of the beginning of the project and of the surmounting of these difficulties one by one till the way was clear for the work of actual erection. Said he: "No one knows of the amount of time and expense which was caused by the occurrence of small difficulties which arose to hinder us in the work of this building. It almost seemed as if the Fates had conspired against us. But time and determination won a way for us and we stand here enjoying the proudest moments of our lives, in our Temple, erected with our money, built according to the plans conceived in the brain of one of our builders. Believe me when I say that this is the proudest moment of my life. "He told then of how the Temple had been in his plans for many years and of how all of the schemes for the creation of a sufficient reserve fund for the Order had been laid with a view of its growth to the place that it could take its place among the real strong institutions of the state, able not only to protect its policyholders but to rear such a monument to the race in Texas as to command respect.

The short address of Mrs. J. C. Frazier, head of The Household of Ruth was along the same lines of commendation of the heads of the Grand Lodge for the splendid way in which they had carried out the plans for the completion of the building. She pledged the continud help of her order to the Odd Fellows in the future growth of the order.

Secretary Riddle Tells of Worth of Order

Aside from a statement of how the Grand Lodge has financed the erection of the building without the aid of outside capital, Secretary J. H. Riddle read from the most recent statement of the condition of the Order showing that its condition was better than at any other time in its history. The finances of the Order were given as follows: Mortuary fund, $183,693.80; Reserve fund, $215,092.59; Burial Fund, $43,663.79; Expense Fund, $36,996.00; Total Cash, $484,586.74; Temple, $247,500; Lots, $85,000; Fixtures, $18,000, making a total worth of the Grand Lodge of $835,086.74. These figures according to the statement of Secretary Riddle are to be found in the statement of the condition of the Order as of January st, 1925.

All Space In the Temple Rented

All of the heads of the Order were loud in their praises of the newly appointed custodian C. F. Richardson, for the fact that long before the completion of the Temple, all of the avalible office space had been rented to members of the various professions of Houston. In the majority of cases , long leases have been taken by the tenants and in some cases, changes in the building have made or their special accomodation. All of the offices are of the most modern type and their equipments fits well with the arrangement of the building. There are enough offices in the building to make it a source of revenue to the Grand Lodge and to take care of the obligations now outstanding. Offices have been arranged for all the Grand Lodge officers and some of them will move to Houston to take up residence there and make of the temple a headquarters. Lodge rooms for the local lodges are large and roomy and the auditorium will seat one thousand persons. A drill and ball room has been arranged in the basement.

Huge Crowds Attend Ceremonial

Seldom have such large crowds been seen in Houston as thronged the building and street directly in front of it on Sunday afternoon. Every seat in the auditorium was taken and chairs were placed for the accommodation of some who could not obtain seats while equally as many persons were outside of the building, unable to gain admittance because of the crowded condition.

CONGRATULATIONS! ODD FELLOWS

All of Texas takes pride in the accomplishment of the most colossal task ever undertaken by the Odd Fellows of the state. To have been able to conceive and carry to completion such a building project as they have marks the heads of that order as men of ability, vision and the power to achieve beyond the ordinary. The Express takes pleasure in congratulating the Order for the success which it has achieved under the leadership of such directing heads.

It is not often that fraternal orders of the race attain to such strength financially as to be able to do the thing which the Odd Fellows have done; to completely finance a project which involves the expenditure of more than $300,000 all told. But in the case of the Houston building it was done and it is probable that that accomplishment occasioned no more strain that the ordinary carrying of its regular work. The ground was purchased and paid for, the building was erected of the funds of the Order and now it faces the future secure in the knowledge that in this transaction it has achieved the unusual.

And the same sort of efficiency which marked the construction of the building is evident in the choice of C. F. Richardson as its custodian The Grand Master chose as the one to supervise the building, a citizen of Houston, young enough to be aggressive and conservative enough to be influential in the securing of tenants for the building. So well has this been done that with it formal dedication all of its available space has been taken in long leases and the Grand Lodge begins its tenancy of the building with an assured income. Seldom, if ever, has this happened before. It has usually happened that men have been chosen to fill such positions who though more closely connected with the affairs of the orders, had less influence in the cities in which such buildings were opened and thus the order suffered from constantly changing tenants or found it hard to make the income of the building a guaranteed thing. Grand Master Goree and his cabinet are to be as highly commended for this evidence of their keen ability and foresight, and there is every reason for the belief that the future services of the custodian now at work will be as efficient as the continued operation of that splendid building will require.

Texas now stands much further to the front in regard to its secret orders than the majority of the states of the South. This monument to racial ability to cooperate and to so manage financial affairs as to pile up reserves large enough to warrant the respect of the public is only another proof of the fact that fraternal orders, beside offering protection to the masses, also gives opportunity for the development of the race along cooperative lines. Other orders are creating large reserves. In fact, it has been estimated that there is a surplus to the credit of the combined large orders of the state well in excess of million dollars. Some of these orders plan the erection of home offices. And in congratulating the Odd Fellows on the successful completion of their Temple, The Express would also extend to such orders its sincerest wishes for a success equally as great.

ODD FELLOWS TEMPLE

Lodge Buys $108,000 Building in Raleigh

Raleigh, N. C., May 15.—A deed transferring the Lightner arcade on E. Hargett St. from C. E. and R. H. Lightner, prominent young business men, to the Household of Ruth Holding company for the sum of $108,000 was registered on May 9 in the office of the register of deeds of Wake county.

No change will be made by the new owners. The building will continue to be used for business offices and fraternal business. The corporation has the following officers: Adatna Garnes, Winston-Salem president; Addie L. Alexander, secretary and treasurer; directors, P. H. Smith, Rosa M. Morris, Lucinda Williams, K. M. Bayne, B. E. Bayne B. E. Branch, J. T. Lyons and Sadie F. Fagan.

"THE RUTH" $250,000 APARTMENT HOUSE ERECTED IN HARLEM BY THE HEADQUARTERS' BUILDING ASSOCIATION, G. U. O. OF F.

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PYTHIANS LOWER HOT SPRINGS BATH AND JOINING RATE

Grand Chancellors of Great National Society Make Popular Reduction

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 5.—In order that the members of the Pythian order, and the members of the racial group may become better acquainted with the health promoting waters of Hot Springs, Arkansas, the Pythian Temple Sanitarium Commission of the Knights of Pythias of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia have ordered a temporary reduction in rates for rooms in the Pythian bathhouse and sanitarium at Hot Springs, Arkansas, effective January 1, 1925, as follows:

For Pythians and Calantheans

Inside rooms, one day, seventy-five cents; one week, three dollars.

Outside rooms, one day, one dollar; one week, four dollars.

For Persons Not Members of Order

Inside rooms, one day, seventy-five cents; one week, four dollars.

Outside rooms, one day, one dollar; one week, five dollars.

At a conference of the Grand Chancellors of the Knights of Pythias of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia, held at Hot Springs, Arkansas, December 29-30, 1924, it was decided that a Universal Campaign for membership should begin January 1, 1925, and end July 1, 1925, to add at least fifty thousand new members during that period.

The Grand Chancellors and Grand Worthy Counsellors are required to report to the Supreme Chancellor and the Supreme Worthy Chancellor, respectively, on the first day of each month, the number of new members added to their Subordinate Lodges and Subordinate Courts during the previous month.

A reduction in the joining fee has been ordered in all Grand Lodge and Grand Court jurisdictions during that period.

K. P. Temple To Cost $1,250,000

The National Temple for the Knights of Pythias now being erected at the corner of Thirty-seventh and State, at a cost of $1,250,000 will be one of the finest and most attractive structures on the south side.

The building, which will be ten stories high, will accomodate a theatre on the ground floor. There will be offices from the second to the sixth floors,—180 offices in all—the seventh and eighth floors will be divided into lodge halls, and the entire tenth floor will be used as a roof graden

Windham Brothers and Hadnott are contractors for the building. The credit for the architectural beauty and splendid araringement of the building is due to the skll of W. T. Bailey the architect, who has recently opened offices at 3621 South State St.

Mr. Bailey is a graduate of the University of Illinois from which he holds the degree of Bachelor of Science and Master of Architecture He is the only colored man in the state holding an architect's license.

Architect Bailey has just recently completed the Pythian Bathhouse and Sanitarium at Hot Springs, Ark., at a cost of $350,000.00

During the twenty years of professional practice Architect Bailey has designed many of the largest and most beautiful buildings of the country.

W. T. Bailey

Whites Prepare to Entertain Negro Lodge

Paltaka, Fla., May 26.—Perhaps for the first time in history, a southern town spends a large sum of money to entertain a Negro fraternal order at its grand lodge session. The City Commission of this town, upon which there is one Negro member, recently voted $10,000 to improve streets, erect a permanent building and two temporary buildings to entertain the grand lodge and grand encampment of Knights of Pythias, which meets in this city this week. Eleventh street, which leads to the Negro playground here and which will be used as a campground, has been paved to accommodate the Knights of Pythias and delegates, and a substantial building will be later used to house the children at the playground has been erected in addition to a temporary kitchen and hospital for exclusive use of the Knights of Pythias.

During the preparation for the Grand Lodge the white citizens offered all kinds of aid to the Negro committee, and were as desirous of seeing things well done as were the Negroes. The mayor and other public officials last year sent letters inviting them to come to Paltaka this year and made many flattering indictments.

A WORTHY AND CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRAM

The program at the Sixth Avenue Baptist Church Monday night by Excelsior Lodge No. 1 and Knight of Alabama Lodge 128 and Smith's Success Court 48 is noteworthy in that it struck an elevated note and had altogether happy cord in the role of fraternal orders in this district. It was an anniversary occasion where the lodges invited their friends and rendered a program that emphasized civic, fraternal, religious and economic duties of our people. These lodges represented the order of Knights of Pythias and Court of Calanthe in almost appreciative manner. The speakers were men of reputation and having to do in a large measure with the affairs of the people. They expressed themselves frankly and to the satisfaction, it appeared, of the large number of people who gathered in the auditorium.

Meetings of this kind on the part of the K. of P. order in Alabama can but result in much good for the perpetuity and wholesome life of the order in this jurisdiction. Every bit of the program was elevating and every expression was necessary and to the point.

The program committee and the lodges are congratulated for their fine vision and excellent recognition of such occasion.

The Birmingham Reporter stands ready at all times to encourage as best we can every worthwhile program, every good sentiment and every man that attempts to inspire our people to noble and constructive action.

Pythians, E. & W. H., Hold Annual Session In Brooklyn, Aug. 2-4

The Grand Lodge, State of New York, Knights of Pythias, E. & W. H. and the Grand Court, I. O. O. C., held their annual sessions at Odd Fellows' Hall, 118 Myrtle avenue, Brooklyn, August 2 to 4, with a large representation of delegates and distinguished visitors.

The Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, George W. Gordon of Boston, occupied a seat on the platform with Grand Chancellor Walter A. Bell and Grand Worthy Councilor Anna Patterson during the annual sermon exercises at Bridge Street A. M. E. Church on Sunday, August 2.

The business sessions opened at Odd Fellows Hall on Monday, Grand Chancellor Hall presiding over the grand lodge and Grand Worthy Counselor Patterson over the Grand Court of Calanthe. Grand lodge and grand court degrees were conferred and the roll was made up.

Grand lodge business transactions included regulating of dues to be paid by members of subordinate lodges so that all are on same basis; report of special committee on Grand Lodge Sick Fund, which was proposed in 1922, finally adopted in 1924, and goes into operation January 1, 1926.

The last session was a joint one, held in the hall of the Society of the Sons of North Carolina, when Grand Vice Chancellor Benjamin S. Walton spoke on closer unity of the two branches. Supreme Vice Chancellor W. H. Willis spoke on the regulating of dues and the sick fund enactment, stating that the legislation is mandatory on the lodges, but that subordinate courts were eligible to their benefits. Grand Chancellor Bell spoke along the same lines. The newly elected grand worthy counselor, Lyllian Jacklin, promised cooperation on part of the grand court.

Many changes took place in the official personnel, but all was in harmony and good feeling. The newly elected officers are as follows:

Grand lodge—William R. Dean grand chancellor; Robert S. Barclay, grand vice chancellor; Thomas A. Morgan, grand prelate; William C. Garrison, grand keeper of records and seal; Daniel H. Conway, grand master of finance; Bejamin S. Walton, grand master of exchequer; Charles A. Lewis, grand master at arms; John W. Fosburg, grand inner guard Willis T. Logan, grand outer guard; grand trustees—J. S. Bailey, 3 years; T. B. Shorts, 2 years; Wm. Lyles, 1 year; Past Grand Chancellor Walter A. Bell, supreme representative.

Grand court—Lyllian Jacklin, grand worthy councilor; Jennie Bennett, grand worthy assistant; Mamie W. Bowens, G. W. O.; Dora Grad, G. W. R. D.; Sadie Grant, G. R. D.; Annie Brown, G. R. of Accounuts; Charlotte Hart, G. W. E. Lyllian Dewitt, G. W. H.; Isabell George, G. W. P.; Cora Redding, G. T.; Sylvani Smith, Jennie McPherson, supreme representatives.

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NEGROES RAISE FUND FOR K. OF P. TEMPLE

First $20,000 of $155,000 Total Is Subscribed by Columbus Lodges.

Knights of Pythias of this city have completed their campaign for funds with which to build their proposed Pythian Temple and excavating work will begin this week. The temple will cost $155,000.

The first $20,000 toward the cost of the new building came largely from members of the local lodges and Courts of Calanthe and the original purpose was that the building when erected was to be owned and controlled wholly by local lodges and Courts of Calanthe; but when it was found that the building was to be wholly fireproof and it was necessary to so design it so as to make it a revenue producing structure, of four stories, with a basement under a part of it, it was decided that it was too big a proposition for the local lodges to finance.

Robert B. Barcus, president of the Pythian Temple Society and chairman of the board of trustees, suggested that the society ought to extend its membership state wide.

Mr. Barcus is grand chancellor of the Grand Lodge of Ohio and had recommended that the Grand Lodge should acquire real estate in Columbus and to erect a state headquarters and home office, and at his suggestion the interests of the Pythian Temple Society, a local concern, and the interests of the Grand Lodge of the state were merged, with the Grand Lodge having a controlling interest.

Dimensions of the building are 55 feet fronting on Mt. Vernon Ave., and extending 139 feet on Tallmadge St. and the entire area will be covered by the building. It will be four stories high and will front on Mt. Vernon Ave.

On the first floor there will be a moving picture theater equipped for vaudeville, with a seating capacity of 600. On either side of the theater will be a storeroom with a long lobby between the storerooms leading to the theater.

On the northeast corner of the building will be the entrance to the lodgerooms and assembly room, on the second floor, with accommodations for 800 persons.

There will be five offices on the third floor and on the fourth floor, three lodgerooms which will house the K. of P. lodges and the Courts of Calanthe and also will be available for renting or leasing to other organizations. The basement room has been arranged to be used as a barber shop.

The building will be the home office and headquarters of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of Ohio, and where all of the business of the Grand Lodge and its insurance department will be transacted.

Other trustees of the building are Dr. Wm. A. Method, O. A. Peterson, J. F. Taylor, Chas. W. Gaines, Jennie E. Tucker, Fannis Chapman, Elnora Williams, Dr. Wm. J. Woodlin, Fred Bryant, Orlando Mitchell, A. W. Knox, Jas. W. Williams, Jas. O. Webb, John W. Harris, Robert Moorman, Clarence Jennings, J. W. Hughes, W. H. Woods, D. W. Coleman and Goodrich Giles.

1927 MEETING OF PYTHIANS TO BE IN CHICAGO

S. W. Green Is Unanimously Re-Elected; Plan Office Building Here

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 24.—With the unanimous re-election of S. W. Green of New Orleans, as Supreme Chancellor, and the choice of Chicago for the 1927 convention, the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias adjourned here Friday, August 21st, and broke camp at Camp Lawrence, Saturday morning. Fifteen thousand visitors had attended the sessions, which were held in the fine temple, owned by the Kentucky Pythians who recently refused $750,000 offered for it.

The public meeting at which many welcome addresses were made was held at the Chestnut Street C. M. E. Church. Mayor Huston Quin was among the speakers, and Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green was given a warm ovation.

Harmony Rules

Harmony was a part of the general spirit of the convention, Green being refused nothing that he asked for, and his whole cabinet prospering in his popularity.

In his report the Supreme Chancellor gave impressive figures indicating the growth of the order and its wealth. The lodge claims and shows total resources of $8,000,000.

A revision of the constitution was adopted which will enable the Pythians' Commission of which Edward D. Green, Chicago, is secretary, to complete a million dollar temple. It is expected that this temple, which is planned to be the finest office building owned by the American colored man, will be ready for dedication when the lodge convenes in Chicago two years from now.

Court of Calanthe Meets

The Supreme Court of Calanthe met in Quinn Chapel A. M. E. Church and heard a satisfactory report. Resources of the department were reported to be $1,300,000.

The encampment and the brilliant parade attracted the attention of all Kentucky, and excited much favorable comment from the press.

The following officers were elected by the Supreme Lodge Thursday: Supreme Chancellor, S. W. Green, New Orleans; Supreme Vice-Chancellor, Ernest G. Tidrington, Evansville; Supreme Prelate, N. C. Nix, Charleston, S. C.; Past Supreme Chancellor, Dr. E. A. Williams, Cincinnati; Supreme Lecturer, Roscoe Simmons; Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, Dr. E. E. Underwood, Frankfort, Ky.; Supreme Master of Exchecquer, Thomas G. Nutter, Charleston, W. Va.; Supreme Attorney, S. A. T. Watkins, Chicago; Supreme Medical Registrar, Dr. Ulysses G. Mason, Birmingham; Supreme Master at Arms, George A. Watty, Baltimore; Major General, R. R. Jackson, Chicago; Supreme Inner Guard, J. A. Blume, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Supreme Outer Guard, D. G. Adger, Florida; Pythian Temple Commission: W. S. Willis, Texas; G. N. Stoney, Georgia; B. G. Collier, Pennsylvania; C. B. Wickham, Oklahoma; Lee Crawford, New York; Dr. C. M Wade, Arkansas; W. W. Andrews Florida; Edward D. Green, Chicago Secretary.

TEXAS PYTHIANS NEARING $1,000,000 MARK.

Elsewhere in this issue appears the statement of the financial condition of the colored Knights of Pythias of Texas, led by that incomparable and matchless W. S. Willis of Dallas, which shows that the Texas order has assets and resources in excess of $690,000; and with seven more months before the grand lodge (the statement is as of October 31, 1925), this amount will be considerably augmented by time of the annual session.

The Court of Calanthe, sister organization of the Pythians, has assets and resources above the $300,000 mark, which means that the order is rapidly approaching the $1,000,000 mark in the Lone Star commonwealth, if it has not already attained that goal.

The rapid and unparalleled rise of the Texas Pythians under the Willis administration sounds more like fiction than truth; for when Mr. Willis was elected grand chancellor of the order less than a decade ago, it was practically insolvent and almost torn asunder by internal dissension.

Today the order is in a healthy financial condition, both with cash, loans and physical resources; while the membership is one of the largest, most representative and substantial possessed by any fraternal order in the state.

This statement shows that the order has cash in the various banks of Texas to the amount of $248,447.93, and the name of each banking institution and amount on hand in same are itemized in this report.

The colossal sum of $198,896.91 represents first mortgage loans to the race on churches, schools, homes and farms, which proves that the Texas Pythians are doing much to solve some of our vexing and perplexing economic problems and are making a substantial and far-reaching contribution towards racial solvency, progress and independence.

Not only has the Texas order been instrumental in lending financial assistance to Texas institutions and causes, but it has also made a loan of $7,000 to the supreme lodge of the order; also invested $20,000 in bonds of the Pythian sanitarium at Hot Springs, Ark.

Of the non-ledger assets the following amounts of interest had accrued when the statement was issued: On mortgage loans, $6,424.11; on bank deposits, $3,048.12; on bonds, $333.33; total, $9,805.56.

Despite the fact that the Pythians pay the highest salaries of any colored order in the state, for the last few years the interest on mortgage loans, bank deposits, etc., has not only paid all these grand lodge officials and clerical help, but has left a nice little sum on hand at the end of the fiscal year.

In this respect the grand chancellor and his official staff have demonstrated wonderful financing ability, and have about silenced those who previously opposed the salary hikes granted them by the grand lodge.

In issuing this statement of condition the Texas Pythians of color are not trying to "show up" the other fraternal orders in the state, but are merely showing their status and what is possible where the funds of the order are properly used for the best interests of the membership and race; and the results accomplished thus far show the wonderful possibilities and potentialities of the race, with proper leadership and co-ordination of our forces.

Odd Fellows,

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ODD FELLOWS' APARTMENT BUILDING, 'THE RUTH,' WEST 135th ST., IS COMPLETED

The Headquarters' Building Association of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows of New York City have just completed one of the finest and best appointed apartment houses in this section of the city. It's the first apartment house erected by a colored organization in New York and cost about $250,000.

New York Age 12-5-25 New York, N.Y.

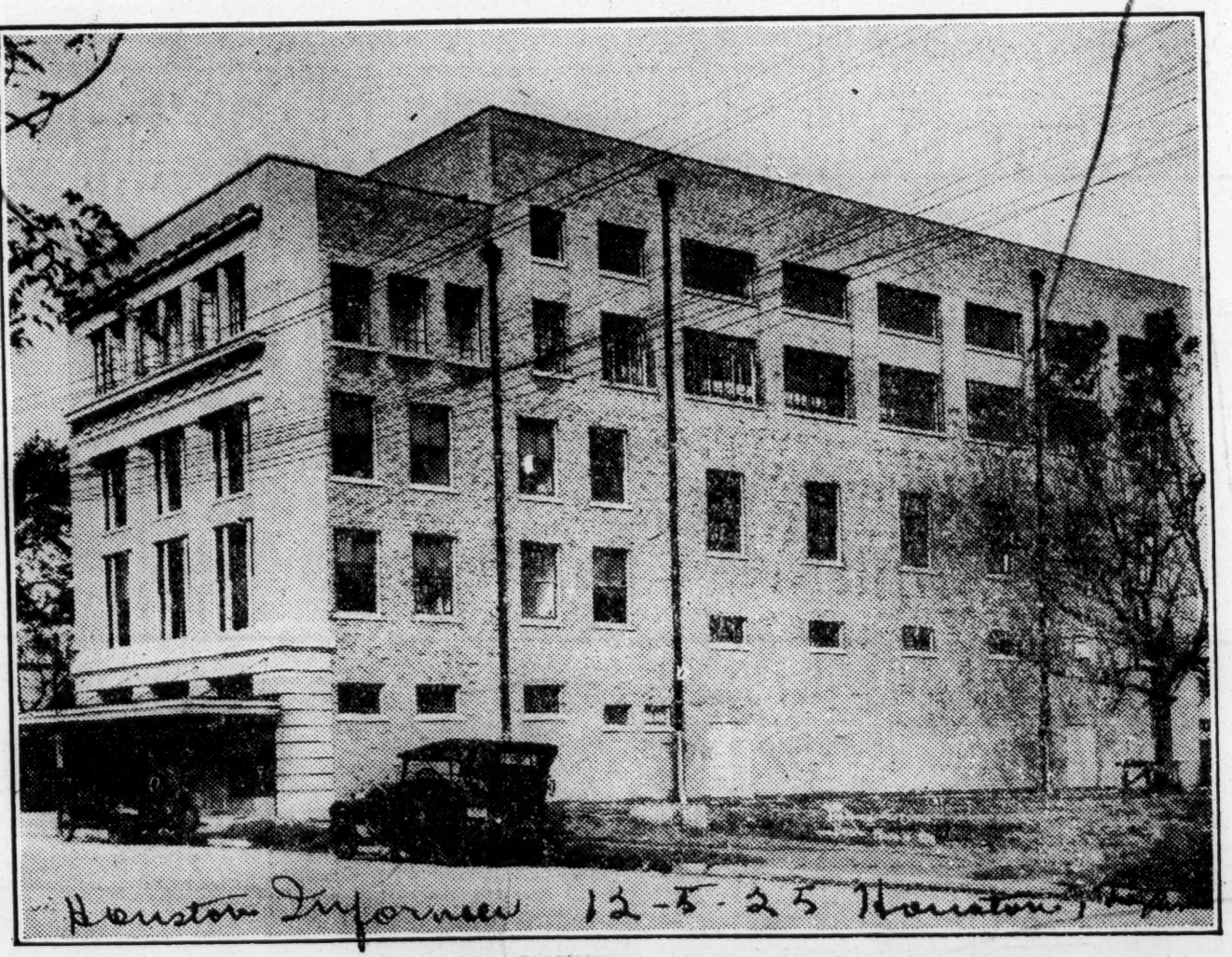
It is a five-story structure of red brick and stone and is equipped with every modern appliance and convenience. It is headed by an improved fuel oil heating system, thus assuring heat and hot water at a regular temperature. There are 28 apartments of 2-3-4 and 5 rooms and bath. Also five stores on the street floor.

Charles W. B. Mitchell was the associate architect for the building and H. J. DePasso was the associate builder. Both have won many friends through the expert manner in which they handled this job.

The officers and directors of the Headquarters' Building Association are as follows: James F. Adair, president; Charles H. Gibson, vice president; Oscar Brewster, treasurer; John W. Simmons, secretary; and Mrs. Nannie R. Gover, assistant secretary. The directors in addition to the officers are: Mrs. Rosa P. Payton, Harry J. Edwards, E. O. Boddie, David Payne, Thomas H. Harrison and J. F. A. Lashley.

Mr. Brew[illegible] treasurer, is the renting age[illegible] manager of the new building.

Louisiana Odd Fellows Temple, Constructed Without Taxation, Discloses Wonderful Financing



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Odd Fellows

ODD FELLOWS' APARTMENT BUILDING, 'THE RUTH,' WEST 135th ST., IS COMPLETED

The Headquarters' Building Association of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows of New York City have just completed one of the finest and best appointed apartment houses in this section of the city. It is the first apartment house erected, owned and controlled by a colored organization in New York and cost about $250,000.

It is a five-story structure of red brick and stone and is equipped with every modern appliance and convenience. It is headed by an improved fuel oil heating system, thus assuring heat and hot water at a regular temperature. There are 28 apartments of 2-3-4 and 5 rooms and bath. Also five stores on the street floor.

Charles W. Bl Mitchell was the associate architect for the building and H. J. DePasso was the associate builder. Both have won many friends through the expert manner in which they handled this job.

The officers and directors of the Headquarters' Building Association are as follows: James F. Adair, president; Charles H. Gibson, vice president; Oscar Brewster, treasurer; John W. Simmons, secretary; and Mrs. Nannie R. Gover, assistant secretary. The directors in addition to the officers are: Mrs. Rosa P. Payton, Harry J. Edwards, E. O. Boddie, David Payne, Thomas H. Harrison and J. F. A. Lashley.

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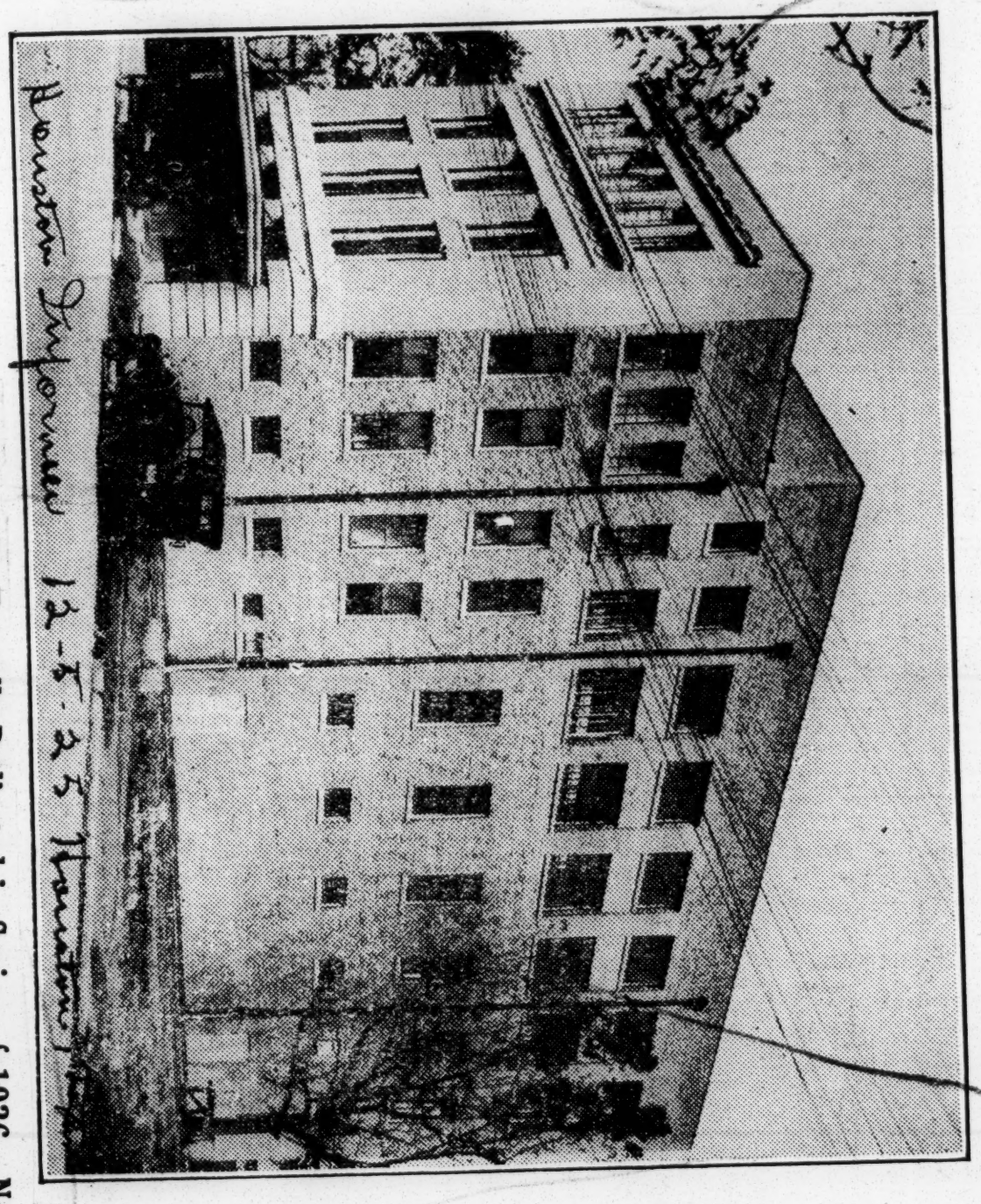

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per cent interest on the average daily balances. Neither the grand master, the secretary nor the treasurer receives this. It is credited to the grand lodge and draws monthly compound interest.

In 1915 when B. V. Baranco was elected grand master, District Grand Lodge No. 21 had 7,000 members. Eighteen thousand dollars was owed to the widows and orphans of deceased brothers. Grand Master Baranco promised an economical administration. He did not hire even a clerk. At the end of his first year in office every endowment claim due had been paid and a surplus of $15,000.00 was on hand. At this time he made a fortunate arrangement with the banks to pay the order interest on their daily balances. In 1919 the order had grown to 21,000 members and $200,000.00 was in the banks drawing interest. The funds and the endowment department of the Odd Fellows and the District Grand Household of Ruth are separate affairs. Mr. Baranco stayed on the road most of the time organizing new lodges and inspiring the old ones. In between trips he personally handled the affairs of the order.

Grand Master Member S. C. M.

The fine work of the district grand master early received national recognition and in 1916 he was elected a member of the sub-committee of management of the order in the United States. Last year the state grand lodge voted to lesson the expenses of the various lodges by meeting biennially. This will permit many lodges to send representatives to the national meeting of the order. Recognizing the co-operation the Louisiana jurisdiction is extending the biennial movable committee, National Grand Master Edward S. Morris has accepted an invitation to be present early in next year when the official dedication of the new temple will be held.

The Louisiana Odd Fellow endowment department issues a $500 policy to the members of the order and for this the members pay a flat rate of 50 cents per month. Each new member pays $1.00 which is, and has been credited to the building fund. The annual income of the grand lodge is now approximately $120,000.00 per year.

Central Location.

The new Odd Fellow Temple is a four-story building fronting North Boulevard street, on the same thoroughfare with the governor's mansion, the state capitol, the city hall and the postoffice. It is two blocks from the L. R. & N. R. R. station and ten blocks from the Union Depot. The lot upon which it is erected is 50 by 128 feet. The front exterior is of gray pressed-brick and finished in white stone.

On the first floor is an up-to-date theatre and auditorium, a restaurant and a barbershop. An electric elevator leads to the roof garden, a pretty commodious place On the second floor, Dr. R. Baranco, M. D., specialist in eye and internal medicine, a son of the grand master; Dr. H. A. Lamotte, D. D. C.; the Douglass Loan Company, with J. E. Perkins as manager; the Unity Insurance Company branch office, with S. Franklin as superintendent; and the People's Insurance Company, with S. Johnson as superintendent, have their offices.

On the third floor two large halls equipped with fine hand-made furniture and spacious anterooms and lockers; three offices occupied by Grand Master Baranco and District Grand Secretary Henry Andrews, and a library maintained for the benefit of the children of the community by the Burroughs-Talbert Club, an organization of ladies.

The building was authorized at the grand lodge in Baton Rouge in 1923 and the contract awarded June 2, 1924 to Connor, Bryant and Bell, a construction firm owned and operated by Negroes. The temple was formally turned over to the grand lodge on September 30, 1925, fully paid for, with no money borrowed for its construction and no mortgage upon it.

The officers entrusted with building the temple were the executive committee, B. V. Baranco, district grand master; Wm. Kelso, deputy grand master, Alexandria; Henry Andrews, district grand secretary, Baton Rouge; Wm. Hubbard, district grand treasurer, Lake Providence; and the late Shepard Smith, Algiers; and the endowment board, composed of Dr. J. H. Lowery, secretary, Donaldsonville; H. W. Dunkin, treasurer, Shreveport; Dr. F. J. Spellman, medical director, Alexandria, and F. B. Smith, grand attorney, New Orleans.

HON. B. V. BARANCO
Grand Master Grand United Order of Odd Fellows of Louisiana.

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Masons.

WASHINGTON, D. C. POST
OCTOBER 20, 1925

NEGRO SCOTTISH RITE MASONS MEET HERE

33d Degree Conferred on 12; Officers Elected by Golden Circle.

The thirteenth triennial session of the Southern jurisdiction of colored Scottish Rite Masons opened yesterday at the Scottish Rite temple, 1633 Eleventh street northwest, M. P. Sovereign Grand Commander Robert L. Pendleton, of this city, presiding. The session was addressed by the M. P. grand commander of the Northern jurisdiction, Dr. C. Sumner Furniss, of Indianapolis.

Conferring of the 33d degree on twelve candidates, five of this city, featured the evening session. They were Samuel M. Graham, Memphis; William C. Kilpatrick, Atlanta; W. H. Manoko, Matthew W. Travers and John W. Warren, Baltimore; L. L. Downing, Roanoke, Va.; S. S. Morris, Portsmouth, Va., and John C. Bruce, John R. Hawkins, Henry T. Redman, William E. Bowie and David H. Borden.

Coincident with the meeting was the second triennial session of the national association of assemblies of the Ladies of the Golden Circle, which elected as officers: Loyal lady ruler, Anna L. Banks, Baltimore; associate ruler, Julia A. White, Little Rock, Ark.; priestess, Mary E. Evans, Baltimore; guide, Georgianna Reed, Baltimore; recording secretary, Mary I. Miller; corresponding secretary, Nettie Edwards; treasurer, Frances St. James; herald, Josephine Dixon, Baltimore; standard bearer, Minnie Connaway; inner guard, Estelle Hawkins; outer guard, Rachel Owens, and organist, Irene Ewell.

The thirteenth triennial session of the southern jurisdiction of Scottish Rite Masons opened in solemn conclave last Sunday night at the Metropolitan A. M. E. church. The United Supreme Council, 33rd degree, was called by the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander, Robert L. Pendleton, through the Secretary-General, James T. Benson, for a spectacular session.

Washington Herald 10-24-25

Charles H. Harris was master of ceremonies. The Southern jurisdiction entertained the Supreme Council of the Northern jurisdiction through a reciprocal arrangement following a united session in New York last May. A sermon was preached by the Rev. Charles E. Stewart, and addresses were made by officers.

Business sessions of the council and conferring of the 33rd degree were held at the Scottish Rite Hall, 1633 Eleventh street. Memorial services were conducted by the Jonathan Davis Consistory, the Rev. Stewart delivering the oration and Walter T. Dixon the Thanatopsis. A banquet was held Tuesday night at the Whitelaw, Harry P. Briscoe being chairman of the committee. The committee in charge of business sessions consisted of Cicero A. Lee, Henry A. Brown and Benjamin F. Arrington.

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Washington Herald Leader

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SCOTTISH RITE SESSIONS LARGE FRATERNAL EVENT

Thirteenth Triennial Session of Southern Jurisdiction Confers Thirty-Third Degree on Five Local Men and Seven Others.

Baltimore; standard bearer, Minnie Connoway; inner guard, Estelle Hawkins; outer guard, Rachel Owens, and organist, Irene Ewell.

William L. Houston was master of ceremonies at the banquet. Grand Master Charles P. Ford introduced visiting Grand Masters Willard Allen, of Maryland; John L. Hubert, of Delaware; Past Grand Master Joseph P. Evans, of Maryland, and George P. Duppin, of Baltimore. The next session of the Southern jurisdiction will be in Little Rock, and the following session in Jacksonville.

MASONS WILL HOLD NEXT COUNCIL MEET IN DETROIT

St. Louis Register 11-27-25

NEW ORLEANS, La., Nov. 25—Detroit was chosen as the host city for the next meeting of the United Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite Masons of the United States, which closed a two days' session in this city last week. Over 100 delegates from 32 states attended the last meeting. The next meeting of the Council will be in July, 1926.

St. Louis Mo.

MASONIC HOME PURCHASED FOR HALF MILLION

Dr. R. A. Williams Buys New National Home for Royal Circle of Friends

Chicago Whip 12-19-25

Dr. Robert A. Williams, Supreme President of the Royal Circle of Friends, it was announced today, purchased the Lincoln Park Masonic Temple at 31st St. and Michigan Ave. The sum of money involved in the transaction is said to be something over half a million dollars. The property has a yearly rental of $45,000.

Dr. Williams

The acquired property will be used by the Royal Circle of Friends as their national headquarters. Subsidiary uses to which the building will be put include a stable and well outlined plan of civic uplift work.

Chicago Defender 12-26-25

The acquired property is an imposing edifice built of the finest stone. Inside is an $18,000 pipe organ, three spacious assembly halls, and an auditorium seating more than 1,000 persons.

This is one of the most pretentious buys yet consummated on the south side, and an investment which stamps Dr. Williams as one of the largest financiers in the country.

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Elks.

ELKS STORM RICHMOND, JIM CROW LAW IS DESTROYED; FIGHT ON WILSON IS HARD ONE, BUT UNSUCCESSFUL

Richmond, Va., Sept. 2.—For the past week this city has been the camping grounds of tens of thousands of Negroes from all walks of life and from every section of this country and from parts of Mexico, Cuba and the West Indies, gathered here for the twenty-sixth annual convention of the I. B. P. O. E. of W. from August 23 to 29. Beginning Sunday morning there was a steady stream of visitors coming in from every direction until the crowd swelled to nearly 50,000 people. The entire city had put on her gay attire to meet them and as many as there was the homefolk were equal to the occasion. Ample housing space had been provided; there being plenty of places for the visiting Elks to stay with lots to spare. So much preparation had been made that many of the people who had signed up for delegates did not get any. Every home had been turned into a welcome station taking in visitors as cheap as $1.00 a night. There was no overcrowding anywhere, no overcharging to speak of; ample places to eat at reasonable rates, and plenty of amusement.

The city was turned over to the elks for the week. They were granted every courtesy that could be hoped for; Jim Crowism, segregation and prejudice if it existed in any manner here previous to the coming of the convention, was cast to the four winds. Visiting Elks sat anywhere they wanted to sit on the street cars, frequented any place they happened to pass and was given service whenever they demanded it. According to police records there was not the slightest disorder on the part of the visitors and no friction at all between the races. There might have been an abundance of whisky here but there has not been recorded but two drunks out of fifty thousand visitors and forty thousand homefolks. Many visitors, particularly those from the North who had misgivings about the South, or some parts of it, have been loud in their praise of the treatment accorded them while here.

The twenty-sixth anniversary services were held at the Fifth Street Baptist Church Sunday night. Among the prominent speakers were J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler; Henry Lincoln Johnson, Monday noon marked the opening of the first public meeting, held at the Rayo Theater. E. Lee Trinkle, governor of Virginia, delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the state. His talk was well delivered and very much appreciated. He brought down the house when he intimated in his speech that he too was an Elk. Someone in the audience yelled "Hello Bill," the governor smiled in acknowledgment. Henry L. Johnson in responding to the governor's speech, informed his hearers that this was the first time in the history of the fraternity that a chief executive of the state had come out to extend a welcome in person. He mentioned the fact that in Boston, Chicago and in other places where the Elks held its conventions these officials had always sent either a substitute or their regrets. The mayor of the city extended the welcome on the part of the city, to which J. Finley Wilson responded. Wilson in his response seemed to forget that he was only responding to the welcome of the mayor for he turned his talk into relating what he had done for the Elks' fraternity and how much it had grown under his administration.

Attractive Parade; 25,000 in Line

The parade, one of the most spectacular in the history of the order and by far the greatest thing Richmond had ever seen, was a complete success. The streets were lined with people hours before parade time. It took the efforts of a dozen policemen in every block to hold the dense throng of white and colored people who had come out to see the great Elks parade. It was half holiday in the city. Seemingly everybody had stopped work until after the parade, which was two and a half hours in passing through the white as well as colored sections of the city. Fully 25,000 marchers were in line when the parade got under way. Uniforms of every description gave the parade a glitter. This was no sombre military parade with rumbling caisons and dun uniforms, but a tenuous, perfectly disciplined frolic shining with gold. Resplendent in royal purple and dazzling white. The colors of the order prevailed throughout. Every [illegible] seemingly tried to outdo the others, consequently each unit looked the [illegible] there being little to choose between any of the marchers in line. [illegible] uniforms looked perfectly new, [illegible] exceedingly tailored to the measure of the individual wearer. It was a glittering glaring thing of indescribable beauty, with music filling the air all around while the line about two miles in length passed through the cheering throng that lined the entire eight miles' walk which ended at the fairgrounds where a competitive drill was to have been held and prizes awarded. It was a gala day and may convention follower say it was the grandest parade the Elks have ever made.

The Elks Grand Lodge at Richmond was not all a bed of roses for the administration and those who opposed it. As a matter of fact, no legislation of any importance passed in the session. It was a battle for place and power. J. Finley Wilson, the Grand Exalted Ruler, was determined that he should remain in office and was as equally determined that certain other officers should not remain. The Hon. Henry Lincoln Johnson was the power behind the throne, and he was strongly supported by his law partner, Perry Howard. Wilson has made a wonderful record in creating lodges and building up the membership. The fight started at the opening session, and there was nothing certain about the election until Saturday morning. It is stated here by students of political affairs that Wilson was defeated until Saturday morning when contending force failed to agree on a candidate where the single-shot program could be exercised. Those prominent in the field for Grand Exalted Ruler were Ed Henry, W. T. Watkins and J. D. Steele. Steele was from New York and was the most prominent candidate for Grand Exalted Ruler against J. Finley Wilson.

Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson, after receiving the confidence of his fellows for another term, proceeded to use the old threatening gag rule of creating a hand-picked set of officers by naming certain men for office claiming that he would not be able to successfully work with others. The Grand Lodge of Elks is an unusually intelligent body and they rebuked the Grand Exalted Ruler by returning George E. Bates, of Newark, N. J., as Grand Secretary, and elected every man that J. Finley Wilson opposed. Will Houston, floor manager for Wilson, disagreed utterly with the foul tactics of his chief

WILSON TO HEAD ELKS AGAIN

Re-elected After a Bitterly Fought Contest; South Proves a Friend

RICHMOND, Va., Sept. 1.—The antlered head elected J. Finley Wilson of New York City, Grand Exalted Ruler of the order Friday.

J. Finley Wilson

His election was bitterly contested. It is said that Henry Lincoln Johnson of Georgia, Wilson's campaign manager, [illegible] cajoled, [illegible] and tried every trick in his political repertoire before he finally pushed his candidate to success. Wilson was elected to succeed himself.

A stubborn resistance met his candidacy because there were certain factions within the order who felt that J. Finley Wilson had not brought the status to the organization which a leader should. And they went into the fight determined to see that he was ousted from office.

The fight was a three cornered affair in which three principles participated. J. Finley Wilson was out to succeed himself. T. B. Watkins, prominent citizen of Kansas City, with the solid backing of the West behind him, and managed by Chandler Owen editor of the Messenger Magazine, let it be known that he was out to win. J. Dalmus Steele, another candidate from New Jersey, entered the fight with strong backing.

A political maneuver, made by Henry Lincoln Johnson at the last moment, in which he swung the support of Steele sympathizers into his camp, is said to have won the election for J. Finley Wilson, but not before the politician from the South had tried everything known to the trade.

The one dominant argument in favor of Wilson's re-election was his ability as an organizer of lodges. Under his incumbency in office the ranks of the Elks have shown unbelievable increases in membership.

Other officers are George Bates, elected Grand Secretary after a great struggle and over vigorous opposition; Dr. George, Esteemed Leading Knight, and James G. Carter—Grand Treasurer.

Cleveland, Ohio, was selected as the meeting place for next year. Philadelphia, Chicago, Detroit, Newark and Indianapolis all made strong bids for the convention, but a deadlock resulted and made a compromise choice necessary.

Greatest Convention Ever

With more than half of the population of the city, a crowd estimated well over 100,000, standing along the way, more than 25,000 Elks, with 60 brass bands, marched down Monument avenue in their annual parade here Monday. Every state and several foreign countries were represented among the marchers.

The gathering was declared to be the largest convention ever held in Richmond and the largest gathering of colored citizens ever assembled south of the Potomac River. The total number of visitors in the city is said to be near the 100,000 mark. Excursion and automobile caravans continued to pour into the city up until the starting of the parade.

The roster of delegates and their families and friends yesterday afternoon listed upward of 50,000 men, women and children. They came by special train and automobile from every state in the Union. Each new arrival was assigned to quarters before he left the station by the committee in charge, and there was practically no confusion. Richmond hardly realized that there were so many visitors in town.

Some wore silk hats, some purple fezzes, some white fezzes, some gold and silver comparisoned suits, some gigantic antlered headdresses. Bands played, children laughed, girls moved about thrumming ukuleles.

200 Lunch Stands

There were 200 lunch stands, a carnival show, open house receptions at local lodge rooms and at the headquarters of outside delegations. Po-

lice were busy directing traffic and enforcing parking regulations made to keep the streets from clogging with people. Hawkers were selling bananas and whistles and souvenirs. Taxicabs were threading through the jam.

And more delegates arrived each minute to swell the line at general headquarters, 400 East Clay.

It looked as though Richmond Day at the state fair had been lifted from the fair grounds and planted in Jackson Ward with a new cast of characters.

For all the gaiety, however, there was a slightly strained atmosphere during the festivities Monday. The crowd was a bit travel weary, and a bit timid. Richmond is a southern city, and this is the first convention in the south.

In one sense the twenty-sixth convention was an experiment in southern treatment of the visitors. The delegates seemed to be on such behavior that they were not as natural and unrepressed as fraternal men generally are.

Signs placed about the city bade citizens treat the visitors with "consideration." The south was on trial and evidently felt the need of presenting a worthwhile front.

TIA JUANA MAYOR DELEGATE TO ELKS 'CONVENTION

Among the delegates to the twenty-sixth annual convention of the I. B. P. O. E. W. was Manuel R. Labastida, mayor of Tia Juana, Mexico. Labastida also is exalted ruled of Hidalgo Lodge, No. 600, one of the new unit sof the order. The mayor said today that he shortly hopes to initiate the governor of Sonora, a Mexican state, into the fraternity.

J. Finley Wilson Re-elected Grand Exalted Ruler—30,000 Delegates Parade Behind 30 Bands

RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 31—As predicted last week, the supposed opposition to the re-election of J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler of Negro Elks of the World, did not materialize, and the Washington editor was re-elected by a large majority. George E. Leach of Newark was re-elected Grand Secretary and Laura E. Williams of New York City re-elected Grand Daughter Ruler and Emma V. Kelley secretary.

The public functions of the convention were covered in a blaze of glory. Never before had a Southern city witnessed as large a convention white or colored. It was estimated that 100,000 visitors and delegates attended.

The longest column of marchers ever seen upon the streets of this city—a line nearly five miles in length and requiring an hour and a half to pass a given point Tuesday paraded to the plaudits of both white and colored Richmond. It was the principal public event of the convention.

Throughout the seemingly interminable line fluttered the American flag, not only the regulation colors which headed almost every company in the column, but great emblems carried by squads and innumberable flags in miniature waved by the legions of gaily uniformed Elks—men and women.

Never has Richmond seen a line more colorful, never has there been a parade so liberally equipped with music, never was there a blither spirit than this extraordinary and mammoth event revealed. Marching in rhythmic step to the abundant music furnished at frequent intervals by nearly forty bands, the multitude of colored Elks appeared almost martial in their order and in the execution of commands. Of particular note in this respect were the drill teams of the various lodges represented—lodges from New York, from Chicago, from every large city of the East and from many of the West, even from far away Havana. The Elks were applauded generously along the length of Monument Avenue and it was applause well merited. The parade was genuinely a memorable spectacle.

At the intersection of Addison Street with Monument Avenue Governor E. Lee Trinkle and Mayor J. Fulmer Bright, with members of the Governor's staff and many State and city officials formally reviewed the colossal line as it passed on its way to the State Grounds It was before the reviewing stand that the parade reached its peak of brilliance, and the band of each unit as it marched in review crashed out its melody in brisk, buoyant tempo. And it was here that the drill teams executed several of their more intricate movements. Not only was Richmond interested in the parade; it was absorbed.

Between 25,000 and 30,000 were in the line of march. The business of Richmond was virtually suspended during the entire afternoon and the city, excepting along the line of march, had rather an appearance of desolation so great was the crowd that viewed the affair.

The Grand Lodge met Wednesday.

The concert of the Mi-Tee Monarch Bank, New York's own, was heard by as many people as could crowd into New Leader Square.

The annual band contest was won by the Monarch Band, the Philadelphia band taking second place.

Cleveland, O., was selected as the next convention city.

WOMEN ELKS WAGE HOT CONTEST OVER ELECTION OF RULER

Mrs. Laura E. Williams, Incumbent, Finally Wins Out Over Mrs. Susie B. Williams, Of Richmond.

GRAND SECRETARY KELLEY AGAIN HONORED

Special Correspondence

Richmond, Va., Aug. 31—While the men's lodges of I. B. P. O. E. of W. were staging a battle royal Friday night over the election of Grand Exalted Ruler, the Daughter Elks assembled in Armstrong School Auditorium were engaged in a contest scarcely less spectacular over the choice of a Grand Daughter Ruler. This contest at one time during the balloting waxed so hot that the Grand Exalted Ruler was said to have been summoned, who endeavor to caution the lady Elks to cooler heads. Mrs. Laura E. Williams, incumbent, of New York, finally won out over her staunch opponent, Mrs. Susie B. Willims, of Richmond.

Grand Daughter Secretary Emma V. Kelley, founder of the Daughter Elks, who also wears the honorary title, bestowed for her life time, as Grand Supreme Mother, was, of course, reelected. Mrs. Kelley's devotion to the lodge and her leadership which has been a recognized factor in the upbuilding of the women's branch of Elks, have surrounded her with such a vast body of supporters that her position has never been seriously threatened. When the annual conventions convene, through the successive years instead of finding opposition, she generally finds increasing loyalty and honor.

Mrs. Kelley went to Richmond with an excellent report for the year closed, which showed that she had not only remained in contact with the lodges throughout the country but had set up new lodges in the East, far West, Southwest and foreign lands.

The convention of the Daughter Elks was equally as enthusiastic as that of the men. Feminine Elkdom received an unprecedented stimulus as the various reports showing unparalleled progress were read. And it was the women in their immaculate uniforms who added zest and color to the grand parade. On the streets, everywhere their appearance was occasion for admiration and applause. Their convention was the most successful in the history of the order and closed with the promise of unprecedented expansion for the order.

REINDEER CLOSE THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION

The third annual convention of the Benevolent Protective Order of Reindeer held its sessions here September 13-16, inclusive. The Grand Lodge met in the Pythian Building, Twelfth and U Streets, Northwest, and the Grand Chapter, which is the women's division met, in the Walker Memorial Baptist Church.

On Sunday the annual sermon was preached by the Rev. L. E. Keiser at the Walker Memorial Baptist Church. The services began with invocation. George Battle rendered a vocal solo. An American flag was presented, and the audience sang "America." The Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter officers were introduced. Remarks were made by the Grand Dictator, Nathaniel Burrell, of Asbury Park, N.J., and the Grand Most Noble Queen, Mrs. Bessie J. Wardell, of Boston, Mass. A special prayer was offered for William A. Leachman, dictator of Capital City Lodge, who is critically ill in Freedmen's Hospital, the sermon followed.

The public exercises were held Monday. Welcome addresses were delivered and responses made on behalf of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter.

Tuesday morning the Grand Lodge was called to order by the Grand Dictator, Nathaniel Burrell. Seven lodges were represented by delegates. The first day's session terminated with the reading of reports of the Grand Lodge officers. The Grand Secretary, John M. Stoute, of Newark, N.J. reported the order as being in a prosperous condition.

The session was enlivened by a visit of J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks, who is also a Reindeer. R. E. Pharrow, of Atlanta, Ga., Grand Trustee of the Elks, was inducted into the order and given a deputyship commission for the State of Georgia.

Wednesday the delegtes visited the White House, after which there was a street parade.

The Grand Chapter was called to order Tuesday morning in the Walker Memorial Baptist Church, the Grand Most Noble Queen, Mrs. Bessie J. Wardell, of Boston, presiding. Committees were appointed. At 3 o'clock a committee from the Grand Lodge brought fraternal greetings.

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40,000 NEGROES AT RICHMOND MEET

Richmond, Va., August 24.—(AP)—The largest convention of negroes ever held in Virginia began today when 40,000 delegates were being received at the headquarters of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World. Sixty thousand are expected to attend, from every portion of the country and the convention will extend for three days.

Jackson ward, the negro section, was aflutter with flags and bunting. The carnival decorations stretched for miles through the streets and several dozen bands played for the surging crowds.

Governor E. Lee Trinkle, of Virginia, together with Mayor J. Fulmer Bright, of Richmond, was to welcome the convention at special exercises this afternoon.

It was necessary that the police department swear in an extra force of patrolmen and detectives so great was the crowd. Sanitary engineers added many new men to their squads.

The majority of the delegates are being cared for in the negro homes and hotels, but it was expected a tent city would arise by nightfall on vacant lots adjacent to the negro section.

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LAW WOULD DISBAND ORDERS

Springfield, Ill., May 8.—Every fraternal order in this state with a name in any way resembling that of an existing white organization would have been put out of business by a bill introduced into the Illinois state legislature last week by Senator James Barbour, and passed unanimously by the senate, had not Representative Charles A. Griffin and other Race members of the legislative body succeeded in killing it in the judiciary committee.

Charles Griffin

The bill had not only made its way through the senate without opposition, but was being favorably considered by the judiciary committee before its true purpose was seen by the Race members of the legislature. When the attention of the judiciary committee was called to the fact that if the bill were passed fraternal orders along our Race all over the state would be dealt a death blow, the measure was almost unanimously defeated.

"This is a vicious bill," Representative Griffin said, "and has a sinister purpose that would work untold hardship and injury to secret organizations in my Race." Representatives Turner and King also spoke of the injustice of the measure and members of the committee to whom its intent was explained quickly changed their votes.

Fine and imprisonment are provided in the bill for persons who solicit membership or confer degrees in the Masons, K. of P.'s, Oddfellows, Elks or other orders of which white branches already existed in the state. It would even have been unlawful, according to this bill, for a member of the Race to sell or distribute literature or rituals bearing the names or emblems already in use by white orders.

The bill killed by the committee members, after it was denounced as un-American, read as follows:

The Bill

For an act to prevent fraud in connection with memberships in associations, councils, fraternities, lodges, societies, unions and other orders or organizations.

Be it enacted by the people of the state of Illinois, represented in the general assembly:

Section 1. That whoever wilfully or without authority of the grand or supreme governing lodge or other governing body hereinafter mentioned, obtains the signature of person to a written application, or obtains any money or property for any alleged or pretended degree, or for any alleged or pretended membership in any fraternity, association or union having a supreme or grand governing lodge, council, union or other governing body in this state, or in any subordinate lodge or body thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by a fine of not more than $500, or both.

Section 2. Whoever, in any written or printed notice, without authority of the grand or supreme governing body, fraudulently uses or aids in any way in the use of the name, title or common designation of any fraternity or association, which has such a governing body, having priority in such use in this state, or any name, title or designation so nearly resembling the same as to be calculated or likely to deceive; and whoever, without such authority, fraudulently publishes, sells, circulates or distributes any written or printed notice, matter or device, in any way soliciting members of such fraternity, association, society, order, organization or union, or for any alleged or pretended fraternity, association, society, order, organization or union, using any such name, title, designation, or near resemblance thereto; and whoever therein or thereby in any way, without such authority, fraudulently offers to sell, confer, communicate or give information where, of whom or by what means any degree or work, in whole or in part, of such fraternity, association, society, order, organization or union, or of any alleged or pretended fraternity, association, society, order, organization or union using any such name, title or designation or near resemblance thereto, can or may be obtained, conferred or communicated, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year in the county jail or by a fine of not more than $500, or both.

It was pointed out in the fight against the bill that the same "priority" which the whites always attempt to assume for themselves in America is constantly being harped upon in this measure. "Why should men and women in the state of Illinois who are full-fledged citizens and taxpayers," it was pointedly asked, "be forced to sit down every time they plan a new society or fraternal order, and check up to see if some white person happened to have used their name first?

"Does this measure mean that certain citizens of this state are allowed to form only 'second-hand societies'—societies whose names and rituals no white person has cared to use? Are members of the Race admittedly 'second fiddlers' in the eyes of the Illinois state legislature? Is it that they are supposed to take what the whites leave in the matter of organization?" Representative Griffin asked.

Had the bill passed the Illinois body, it was the plan of southern legislators to copy it for introduction in their own states.

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Associated Negro Press.

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J.R.G., and Jollifee Union of Tents.

J.R.G. AND JOLLIFEE UNION OF TENTS IN SPLENDID SESSION

Epoch Making Meeting In Washington Marked By Daily Attendance of Nearly 1,000 Persons.

Washington, D. C., June 3—Washington, noted for its social leadership never entertained an organized group with more pomp and splendor than it accorded the Southern District Grand Setting of the J. R. G. and Jollifee Union of Tents held in Metropolitan Baptist Church, May 26, 27, and 28.

The Tents, organized 52 years ago by Mrs. Annetta Lane, of Norfolk, Va., rose to new heights in this session, having for its membership over 18,000 souls and for its financial standing a balance of $82,108.82, a fitting tribute to its leaders Supt. Mrs. Mary Stewart of Hampton, Va., Supt. Mrs. Mary Goode of Danville, Va., Supt. Mrs. Adaline Ward, Norfolk, Va.

This fraternal body was welcomed to the city by Commissioner Bell and in behalf of the public schools by Assistant Supt. Prof. Garnett C. Wilkerson, Mrs. Mary Goode and W. G. Oratress Amanda Williams, very fittingly responded in order, to the distinguished guests.

The session as a whole was the greatest ever held by the Tents; a session where love, business and a Godly spirit ruled thruout.

Among the many doings of interest was the placing of the names of the late Mrs. Annetta Lane and the late Mrs. Sallie Bonney in the Douglass Hall of Fame, the elevation of Mrs. Adaline Ward to Superintendent, who for many years has been the directing mind behind the wonderful progress of the only fraternal body owned and entirely controlled by woman. She has made good in a position left vacant by two women, the late Mrs. Lane and the late Mrs. Bonney, who thru work and accomplishment ranked high in the field of progress.

Noteworthy Accomplishment

One of the noteworthy accomplishments under the Orders present regime was the establishment of a Hall of Fame in the Douglass Home, Anacostia, a place where Negroes who have been measured thru achievements and have risen to fame thru honest endeavors, shall have their names enscribed so that the coming generation may know of their deeds and be inspired thereby.

There is hardly anything more grand and glorious than to know that upon such walls people may see that the Tents are imbued with that great pride which causes them united to rise and say," we are proud of our leaders, they shall not die unknown."

The history of the lodge is closely interwoven with the liberation of the Negro from slavery and recorded as active medium in the fostering of the underground railroad.

During these trying days Mrs. Hannah A. Purnsly, of Chester, Pa., with the aid of Congressman Giddings and Jollifee secured from Congress as special charter giving her the rights and power of setting up a fraternal body for the protection of Negro women, an Order of women and women only.

In the year of 1867 Mrs. Annetta Lane, of Norfolk, seeing the need of the safeguarding of her Southern sisters, secured from Supt. Purnsley a charter and established in Norfolk the Lydia Tent No. 1, from lodge has sprung the mighty Southern District, having now for its membership a body of 17,945 women.

Few To Start

With only a few members to start, Mrs. Lane, threw herself whole-heartedly into the cause, working night and day so that her efforts would not be in vain and that the Southern Tents might grow strong.

She looked in the future with God as her guiding light and for 10 years gave herself unstintingly to the work.

The year of 1908 on the 24th day of October, was the end of her earthly work, a great woman passed on, leaving behind her a strong organization, and a well trained daughter to carry on her life's mission in the personage of Mrs. Sallie Bonney.

For 15 years Mrs. Bonney guided the Tents and they grew stronger and stronged. At her death, November 21, 1923, the group of women had acquired a $35,000 building for business, located at 1620 Church St., Norfolk, Va., a home for the aged and needy valued at $7,000 in Hampton, Va., and for the first time gave its members a fraternal insurance.

During her reign, she had as secretary, Mrs. Adaline Ward, of Norfolk, who after her death, succeeded her. Mrs. Ward's record suffers none when compared with the two leaders who have passed on.

The Tents are now operating in New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Delaware, Pennsylvania, District of Columbia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Maryland, Virginia, Georgia.

The officers for present year are as follows: W. G. S. M. Annie Rice, Baltimore, Md.; W. G. J. M., Julia Spady, Northampton Co., Va.; W. G. M. C., Manha Cousin, Richmond, Va.; W. G. C. M., Laura Jackson, D. C.; W. G. M. C., Sallie Johnson, Danville, Va.; W. G. M. G. W., Lavinia Brown, Norfolk, Va.; W. G. G. W., Bessie Hansborough, Washington, D. C.; W. G. F., Lizzie Bizzell, Rocky Mount, N. C.

Wilson, N. C., was selected as the meeting place of the 1926 Grand Setting.

After the conclusion of business all were royally entertained at a splendidly prepared banquest by the Washington Tents, leaving participants in a happy, ambitions, mood, awaiting the next meeting place.

Head Of Tents

MRS. A. M. WARD

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Mrs. M. Walker Is Praised by Gov. Of Virginia

A beautiful pamphlet is making the rounds of fraternal and newspaper offices which pays silent tribute to the prowess of Mrs. Maggie Lena Walker, Right Worthy Grand Secretary-Treasurer of the Independent Order of St. Luke, as a woman of exceptional ability in this modern age of achievement.

The Order of St. Luke is one of the strongest fraternal organizations in the state of Virginia and, according to authentic reports, is considering invading the state of Illinois.

The order when Mrs. Walker took charge of it had 3,408 members, no reserve fund, and no home property. It now has over 100,000 members, a building worth $100,000, an emergency fund of $70,000 and a newspaper, the St. Luke Herald.

More than 15,000 children are enrolled in its thrift clubs. The order employs 145 Field Workers, and 55 clerks in the home office. His excellency, E. Lee Trinkle, Governor of her home state, in speaking of her record, says, "If the state of Virginia had done no more, in fifty years, with the funds spent on education of Negroes than educate Mrs. Walker the state would have been am-

ST. LUKES IN BIG SESSION IN NEW YORK

The Mayor Welcomes Mammoth Crowd

New York, Aug. 28.—After a week of enthusiastic celebration, Saturday marked the closing of the 58th annual and fourth biennial session of the right worthy grand council of the Independent Order of St. Luke. It was the largest and most successful convention in the history of the organization. More than 3,000 delegates from 26 states stormed the great metropolis. Stupendous affairs had been arranged by the New York district for the entertainment of the visiting delegates, who between business sessions reveled in merriment at numerous receptions, boat rides, sightseeing parties, auto rides, theater parties and many other novel pleasures.

At the closing of the session it was announced that the next convention would be held at Richmond, Va., in August, 1927. All of the executive officers were unanimously re-elected for the next four years. Right Worthy Grand Chief James H. Blunt of Lynchburg, Va., was succeeded by Miss Sara A. Clark, former R. W. G. chief of this city, with the promotion of the under grand officers.

Children in Order

The convention opened Monday morning, Aug. 17, at the Salem M. E. church, 129th St. and Seventh Ave., with a report on the juvenile department, of which John S. Savage is deputy patron. Grand Matron Mrs. Maggie B. Walker made an inspiring address and in her report stated that there were over 38,000 children in the department, that cash on hand amounted to $98,652 and that this division was in a healthy state and had made remarkable progress. The juvenile sessions closed with a play at the Manhattan casino Monday evening.

The R. W. G. council opened its business sessions at the Salem church Tuesday morning with Dennis Grice, trustee of the grand council, presiding. Sermon was by Rev. W. P. Hayes, pastor of the church. His subject was "In the Cross of Glory." The cross is the official emblem of the organization. A solo which thrilled the great audience was rendered by Mme. Olive P. Hopkins. Grice took a collection of $115.45 after urging the delegates to lend their aid for the purpose of purchasing a new church at 120th St. and Lenox Ave.

Mayor in Address

Tuesday afternoon the session was opened with Grand Chief Blunt of Lynchburg, Va., presiding. He made a favorable report. Mayor Hylan of New York addressed the audience after being introduced by Alderman John W. Smith. The mayor presented the key to the city to Mattie L. Walker, grand secretary and treasurer, who responded with an address. Madam Lulu Robinson sang a solo.

Tuesday night was welcoming night and delegates from 26 states were on the program as speakers.

Wednesday's session was opened by the grand chief, who made a report stating that the organization had $439,000 in its treasury, $369,000 in railroad government bonds and has paid more than $3,000,000 death claims. The St. Lukes have a membership of 125,000, and Grand Chief Blunt urged all co-workers to double that number within the next two years.

Blunt Defeated

Wednesday afternoon session was opened by the grand chief. All executive officers were re-elected for the next four years. Blunt, who was R. W. G. chief, was succeeded by Miss Sara A. Clark of this city. Wednesday evening 4,862 members of the organization gathered at Manhattan casino and witnessed the great pageant, "Wreath of Fame," which was followed by dancing.

It was while at this affair that the state of Virginia was presented with the great organization banner by the state of New York under the direction of executives and Dennis Grice. This banner is a coveted prize which Virginia won in the campaign for the largest number of new members. A bust of Mrs. Maggie L. Walker was unveiled and presented to the New York district by Daisy B. Banks, chairman, A. P. Scott and others.

Outing Planned

Thursday was taken up with the installation of officers. Friday the delegates enjoyed a delightful boat ride aboard the Clairmont and steamed to Sandy Hook and then up the Hudson. About 3,000 attended. The mayor donated several small steamers for the entertainment of the delegates.

By Saturday night most of the visitors had left the city for their respective homes. Dennis Grice reports that the convention was the most orderly and successful the organization has ever had. The next session will be held in Richmond, Va., in August, 1927, and by that time St. Lukes contemplate having a membership twice as large as at present.

Independent Order ofSt. Luke Closes 58th Annual Session

New York, Aug. 31.—The Independent Order of St. Luke, with headquarters in Richmond, Va., the organization, built and made famous by Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, closed its 58th Annual and 4th Biennial Convention in this city at the Salem M. E. Church; 129th St.

At no time during the sessions was [illegible] threatened. Volumes of praise and tribute were heaped upon the R W Grand Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, by her supporters and loyal friends who proclaim her the "Uncrowned Queen" and as the greatest woman in this country today.

Sessions of Juvenile Department

The 58th Annual and 4th Biennial Convention of the Independent Order of St. Luke opened its sessions on Monday, August 17th. The first day's sessions on Monday devoted entirely to the work of the Juvenile Department. R. W. Grand Patron, John S. Savage, of New York City, presided over the day's sessions.

Report of R. W. Grand Matron

The atter of more widespread interest in the morning session were the reports of the R. W. Grand Matron, Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, and the R. W. Grand Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Emeline Johnson. She recited the fact that the Juvenile Circles were found in every state where a subordinate council had been set up, and that the membership was at present over 20,000 children, and the assets of the department were more than $80,000.

Mrs. Walker paid a tribute to the Rev. Mr. Z. D. Lewis of the Juvenile Department and advocated its organization. When Mrs. Walker became R. W. Grand Secretary-Treasurer of the R. W. Grand Council, there were only 25 circles with 1600 members in the Juvenile Department. Today there are 780 circles with a membership of more than 20,000.

Mayor Hylan Welcomes Delegates

The adult department of the R. W. Grand Council opened its sessions on Tuesday morning with R. W. Grand Chief James H. Blount, of Lynchburg, Va., presiding. After the devotionals, conducted by the R. W. Grand Prelate, Rev. Mr. Geo. H. Simms, pastor of Union Baptist Church, New York City, and preliminery business finished, the Rev. Dr. Wm. P. Hayes, pastor of the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, delivered the anniversary sermon.

Beginning with the afternoon session, the convention took a turn toward the business of the convention. At this session the outstanding features were the welcome address of the Mayor of New York City, Hon. John F. Hylan. The response by Attorney James T. Carter, of Richmend, Va., Grand Treasurer of the I. B. P. O. Elks of the World, was pleasantly eloquent.

The annual address of the R. W. Grand Chief, James H. Blount was delivered at the afternoon session.

The 27th Annual Report of Mrs. Walker

The 27th annual report, made by Mrs. Walker showed that from the time of her entrance into the office of Grand Secretary-Treasurer, the assets of the Order had increased since 1899 from $31.00 to more than $2,000,000. The Order has $97,000 invested in good securities approved by the Department of Insurance of the states in which the Order is doing business; $138,000 invested in improved city real estate, including a modern up-to-date four-story office building in Richmond, Va., which houses all of its departments

The office personnal has increased from one in 1899 to 54 in 1925. A complete printing plant is housed in the Home Office buildinb and is doing work not

only for the R. W. Grand Council, but for outside patronage. There are 16 people employed in the printing department, which also publishes and prints the St. Luke Herald, organ of the Order. Mrs. Walker reported the present membership as being 103,000.

The remainder of the sessions were devoted almost entirely to routine business which was dispensed with great dispatch, enabling the convention to adjourn a day before the scheduled time.

According to the program, as arranged, a short but impressive memorial exercise was held during the morning session on Tuesday: The membry of those to be eulogized were Russell E. T. Walker, acturial secreatry of the I. O. of St. Luke, Mrs. Martha S. Morgan, Mrs. Mary Willie, both of whom were members of the Executive Committee and organizers in the Juvenile Department, and Mrs. Victoria Moone, clerk in the Policy Department of the Home Office. Dr. W. T. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., delivered the eulogy.

The attendance at the convention exceeded 2,000 delegates from 24 states and the District of Columbia.

The officers of the next biennial term as follows: R. W. Grand Chief, Mrs. Sarah Clarke, New York City; R. W. Grand Vice Chief Mrs. Elizabeth White, Washington, D. C., R. W. Grand Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Maggie L. Walker; Richmond, Va.; R. W. Grand Messenger, Mrs. Trulia Bridgeforth, West Virginia; R. W. Grand Inside Sentinel, Mr. Joshua Monroe, Connecticut; R. W. Grand Outside Sentinel, Rec. James N. Dickerson, N. J.; R. W. Grand Prelate, Rec. Geo. H. Simms, New York.

The next Biennial session will be held in August, 1927 in the city of Richmond.

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United Order of St. John In Big Buffalo Conference

By Supreme Grand Sec., Sister Anabel Dupee Scott

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 10.—At the recent annual convention of the Grand United Order of St. John of N.-S. A., Inc., held in Buffalo, N. Y., the Supreme Grand Officers and the numerous delegates and visitors were much elated over the very excellent and harmonious session, the general spirit of purity, love and friendship that existed throughout the proceedings, and the very cordial reception accorded by Supreme Grand Supervisor Sister Bertha Bragg and Supreme Grand Juvenile Matron Sister Mary Rue and their colleagues, that those whose good fortune it was to be present will ever remember the glorious occasion as superfine. The all-day trip to Canada and the Falls was a most wonderful sight to behold and a real treat. There was never a more beautiful and congenial election of officers held in any organization, and the result follows: Supreme Grand Master, B. G. Johnson; S. G. Matron Kate Brown; S. D. G. Master, William Nottage; S. D. Matron, Scrinena Tapshire; S. G. Sec., Anabel Dupee Scott; S. G. Treas., Sena Davis; S. G Councillor, Geo. C. Taylor; S. G. Conductor, Maud Malone; S. G. Prelate Oliver Bragg; S. G. Marshal, Charles Lewis; S. G. I. Sentinel, Marie Hosten S. G. O. Sentinel, Fannie Graves; P S. G. Master, St. Clair Roberts; P. S G. Matron, Dora Clayborne; S. G. Juvenile Matron of Buffalo, Sister Mary Rue; S. G. Junior Matron of New York Sister Jennie Jones; S. G. Supervisor of Buffalo, Sister Bertha Bragg; S. G. Supervisor of N. Y., Lula Newman, Elizabeth Manson, Benjamin Aamus; S. G. Supervisor of Philadelphia, Eveline B. Price.

The growth and spread of the order is marvelous and, although only five years old, already attains its permanent prominence with the leading fraternities of the country. Its present determined activity in New York is a move for a St. John building. Gamilli Council of the Bronx will entertain the sixth supreme annual convention.

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Independent Order of Good Samaritans.

GOOD SAMARITANS WILL HOLD CONVENTION HERE

The Sixth Biennial Session of the Right Worthy Noble Grand Lodge of Independent Order of Good Samaritans and Daughters of Samaria will be held in Washington the week beginning August 24. This is the first time in thirty years that the national body of this organization has met here.

The convention will be held under the auspices of District Grand Lodge No. 5. The Good Samaritans is one of the largest fraternal organizations in this section. A record number of delegates and visitors are expected here.

The committee in charge of arrangements are S. S. Washington, chairman; Lena Hart, vice-chairman; Benjamin Watkins, treasurer; J. H. Dale, Jr., secretary; Lucy E. Brown, assistant secretary; Chas. Washington, Benjamin H. Frye, R. J. Holmes, Shelton Miller, Ida Jones, Julia Winkfield, Annie E. Green, Sarah McCoan, William Coghill, Grand Chief, and A. G. W. Gaines, chief marshal of parade.

A feature of the convention will be the competitive drill by the various military teams. $100 in prizes will be awarded.

IMPROVED ORDER SAMARITANS HOLD 28TH SESSION

Splendid Reports Big Officers

Fort Valley, Ga., Oct. 23rd.—The Grand Lodge of the Improved Order of Samaritans assembled in the Central Union Baptist church and held its 28th annual session, Grand Chief Persley, presiding. The attendance was good, notwithstanding the ravages of drought and lack of prosperity here in the State. Many of the delegates came from distant places, as far as St. Petersburg and Daytona, Fla. Scarcely a Lodge was unrepresented. The sessions were held October 13-14.

The delegation showed the keenest interest in the reports and speeches. During the high spots the delegates broke lose in applause and shouting which lasted for as much as ten minutes at a time. This manifestation of approval on the part of the delegates was in response to the good reports which the officers rendered of their stewardship. Every officer including the deputies and solicitors of the field were given appreciative chautauqua salutes by the delegates who arose to their feet with a deafening shout. There was complete harmony among the membership from the fact that there was not a single grievance to be aired during the session.

The reports of Grand Chief Persley, Grand Secretary Harris, and Grand Recorder R. B. Harris, were received with especial enthusiasm, for it was these officers who had led the Order on to success through many years of service and who are devoting their lives to the upbuilding and efficient management of the affairs of this Order which has never faltered since its beginning. The Grand Chief in his address, beautifully portrayed the helpfulness and progress of the Order, showing how it had come from naught to probably the best and safest Order in this country today. The account given by the Grand Secretary of his stewardship substantiated the points brought out in the address of the Grand Chief when he gave the facts and figures. It was shown that the Order had never reported a deficit and although having a larger death claim account than in many years, by the careful management on the part of the Grand Secretary and his able office associates, the Order was able to show a net gain of $1,543.58 which was carried to the treasury and making the total now in the treasury to be $66,831.44.

Under the direction of the officers at headquarters along with the able deputies and solicitors on the field, sixty-four new lodges were set up and 6023 new members were secured. Other facts brought out by the Grand Secretary showed the Order t obe absolutely on a sound basis and fully solvent, being worth around $250,000.00

Nearly $16,000 were paid for sick and accident benefits, $30,375.00 paid for death claims, and $5,000 paid for funeral benefits.

The annual address to the public session was delivered by Rev. B. S. Hannah, D. D., pastor of Stewart A. M. E. church, Macon, Ga. His address was very able, instructive, and full of wholesome advice. A full house turned out to hear him.

The officers and members of the local lodges in Fort Valley cared for the Grand Lodge in splendid style and in a large measure the success of the meeting was due to their efforts.

Independent Order of St. Luke Holds 58th Annual Convention

Mrs. Maggie L. Walker Receives Glowing Tribute From Friends and Supporters

New York City, Aug. 21.—The Independent Order of St. Luke, with headquarters in Richmond, Va., the organization built and made famous by Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, has just closed its 58th Annual and 4th Biennial Convention in this city, at the Salem M. E. church; 129th St. and Seventh Ave. One of the most peaceful, constructive, and educational conventions that has ever been held by any fraternal group was held by the St. Luke Order on this occasion. There was keen rivalry between factions which were working for the banner which was to be awarded to the state reporting the largest number of new members for the last biennial term. The rivalry was especially keen between the states of New York and Virginia, as these two districts represent the strongest single sections of the jurisdiction, with West Virginia pushing close behind.

The rivalry kept representatives of both factions continually bantering one another and exchanging repartee. This served also to keep up enthusiasm, which was led by the Virginia group under the direction of the home office force consisting of about 45 women, who cheered, yelled, and sang, much to the discomfiture of the Gothamites who were led by the R. W. Grand Patron Mr. John S. Savage.

At no time during the sessions was unpleasantness threatened. Volumes of praise and tribute were heaped upon the R. W. Grand Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, by her supporters and loyal friends who proclaim her the "Uncrowned Queen" and as the greatest woman in this country today. Her personality permeated the convention hall, and at no time was anything done or said without due regard for the possible opinion of the R. W. Grand Secretary-Treasurer. Her pleasing personality and her native attractiveness secured for her imediate attention whenever she rse to speak.

Session of Juvenile Department.

The 5th Annual and 4th Biennial Convention of the Independent Order of St. Luke opened its sessions on Monday, August 17, at the day's sessions were devoted entirely to the work of the Juvenile Department.

R. W. Grand Patron, John S. Savage of New York City, presided over the day's sessions. The morning session was taken up primarily with welcome addresses, responses and presentations to officers and distinguished members. The features of the morning session were, first the welcome address of the R. W. Grand Patron, John S. Savage, when he welcomed the delegates to New York on behalf of the 200,000 Negroes living in the confines of Harlem, recently called by a noted journalist "The Negro Capital of the World"; next, the welcome address given by little Miss Marie Burt, of Mayflower Circle No. 75 on behalf of the Juveniles of the N. Y. District was a very pleasing presentation and excellent delivery. The response by little Miss Maggie Laura Walker, granddaughter of the R. W. Grand Matron, Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, was the outstanding feature of the program. The little miss delivered her responses with perfect ease and poise. She recited many of the interesting details about the early growth of the Juvenile Department, enumerating many of the things that her grandmother had told her about her love for little children and how she wanted them to develop into fine men and women; to help build up the Order of St. Luke; how the Juvenile Department must be a permanent feeder for the adult department.

At the close of the speech, a dramatic spectacle took place when Mrs. Walker took the little girl bodily into her arms and showered her with kisses while the frenzied audience gave the child as great an ovation as has ever been showered upon a person other than an adult.

Report of R. W. Grand Matron.

The matter of more widespread interest in the morning session were the reports of the R. W. Grand Matron, Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, and the R. W. Grand Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Emeline Johnson. The report of Mrs. Walker was notable in that it was comprehensive detailed, and informative. In the report Mrs. Walker dwelt for a while on the historical setting of the Juvenile Department, reminding the delegates assembled that they were not only there as a part of the 58th Annual and 4th Biennial Convention, but they were also celebrating their fiftieth anniversary. She recited the fact that the Juvenile Circles were found in every state where a subordinate council had been set up, and that the membership was at present over 20,000 children, and the assets of the department were more than $80,000.

Mrs. Walker paid a tribute to the Rev. Mr. Z. D. Lewis, pastor of Second Baptist church, Richmond, Va., who conceived the idea of the Juvenile Department and advocated its organization as it was based on a definite need, to become a permanent feeder for the adult department. When Mrs. Walker became R. W. Grand Secretary-Treasurer of the R. W. Grand Council, there were only 25 circles with 1600 members in the Juvenile Department. Today there are 780 circles with a membership of more than 20,000. There were six major recommendations in the annual report of the R. W. Grand Matron; the chief ones being that all children over sixteen years of age should be transferred to the adult department; after sufficient provision should be made for their reinsurance on the proper basis; and that there should be established in the order a health and recreation program which would touch very closely the children who come into the order. All of the recommendations offered in her report were adopted without a dissenting vote.

Mayor Hylan Welcomes Delegates.

The adult department of the R. W. Grand Council opened its sessions on Tuesday morning with R. W. Grand Chief James H. Blount, of Lynchburg, Va., presiding. After the devotionals, conducted by the R. W. Grand Prelate, Rev. Mr. Geo. H. Simms, pastor of Union Baptist church, New York City, were completed, and preliminary business finished, the Rev Dr. Wm. P. Hayes, pastor of the Mt. Olivet Baptist church, of this city, delivered the anniversary sermon on the "Glory of the Cross." In his discourse, the minister emphasized the fact that the cross was the emblem of the I. O. of St. Luke and that it must be glorified for the things that it symbolized. Several vocal solos sung by Miss Olive Hopkins of the Mt. Olivet choir, were especially well sung and were greatly enjoyed by the audience. The audience was impressed with the facility with which she sang, being such a young woman.

Beginning with the afternoon session, the convention took a turn toward the business of the convention. At this session the outstanding features were the welcome address of the Mayor of New York City, John F. Hylan, in which he emphasized the fact that "we are all God's children" and that he as mayor of the metropolitan city was attempting to "govern fairly regardless of race, color, or creed;" the response by Attorney James T. Carter, of Richmond, Va., Grand Treasurer of the I. B. P. O. Elks of the World, was pleasingly eloquent. The mayor who is in the midst of his fight for re-election to the mayoralty of New York City, was followed by a battery of newspaper men and press photographers.

The annual address of the R. W. Grand Chief, James H. Blount was delivered by him at the afternoon session. He recounted some of the work of the order and predicted some of its usually remarkable successes. The feature of his address was the recommendation that the R. W. Grand Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Walker, be given a vacation of six weeks, abroad. When the committee on Grand Officers reports reported, before the report could be adopted, an amendment was made and carried that the time of six weeks be extended to three months; the vacation to be taken abroad and ample funds be given from the treasury of the R. W. Grand Council to care for all of her expenses while away.

The 27th Annual Report of Mrs. Walker.

The 27th annual report made by Mrs. Walker was by far the greatest piece of accounting of one's stewardship and the most detailed and comprehensive; giving of information as to the actual condition of the order, that has been given to a similar convention in many years. The report showed that from the time of the entrance of Mrs. Walker into the office of Grand Secretary-Treasurer, the assets of the order had increased since 1899 from $31.00 to more than $2,000,000. The order has $97,000 invested in good securities approved by the Department of Insurance of the states in which the order is doing business; $138,000 invested in improved city real estate, including a modern up-to-date four story office building in Richmond, Va., which houses all of its departments.

The office personnel has increased from one in 1899 to 54 in 1925. A complete printing plant is housed in the home office building and is doing work of a superior grade not only for the R. W. Grand Council, but for outside patronage extending from New York to Louisiana and westward to California. There are 16 people employed in the printing department, which also publishes

and prints the St. Luke Herald, organ of the order. Mrs. Walker reported the present membership as being 103,600. The race between the rival states for new members ended in the State of Virginia being awarded the banner which was presented to them by the New York delegation at Manhattan Casino on Wednesday evening. A detailed printed report has been distributed to the delegates.

The remainder of the sessions were devoted almost entirely to routine business which was dispensed with great dispatch, enabling the convention to adjourn a day before the scheduled time.

According to the program as arranged, a short but impressive memorial exercise was held during the morning session on Thursday. The memory of those to be eulogized were Mr. Russell E. T. Walker, actuarial secretary of the I. O. of St. Luke, Mrs. Martha S. Morgan, Mrs. Mary Willie, both of whom were members of the executive committee and organizers in the Juvenile Department, and Mrs. Victoria Moone, clerk in the Policy Department of the Home Office. Dr. W. T. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist church, Richmond, Va., delivered the eulogy.

During the closing minutes of the session many gifts and tokens of esteem and respect were presented to many of the officers, matrons, deputies and trustees of the order. Outstanding among these were Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, Mrs. Charity Jones, Trustee, New York, Mr. James H. Blount, retiring R. W. Grand Chief, Mrs. Sarah Clarke, incoming R. W. Grand Chief, Mr. Dennis Grice, trustee, New York City.

While the delegates and visitors were in the City of New York they were accorded every courtesy and hospitality, being entertained at the Manhattan Casino two nights; Monday night the pageant, "Dream of Flowers" being given, and on Wednesday evening "The Wreath of Fame." The latter was especially colorful and attractive. The costumes of the participants were gorgeous and tastefully selected. A boat ride up the Hudson river on Friday afternoon ended the week's program of business and pleasure, which the New York district had arranged. The Virginia delegation accompanied by the D. C., Maryland, Pennsylvania and West Virginia delegations, traveled to and from New York via special train, carrying about 800 people.

The attendance at the convention exceeded 2,000 delegates from 24 states and the District of Columbia.

The officers for the next biennial term are as follows:

R. W. Grand Chief, Mrs. Sarah Clarke, New York City; R. W Grand Vice Chief, Mrs. Elizabeth White, Washington, D. C.; R. W Grand Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs Maggie L. Walker, Richmond; R W. Grand Messenger, Mrs. Trulia Bridgeforth, West Virginia; R. W Grand Inside Sentinel, Mr. Joshua Monroe, Connecticut; R. W. Grand Outside Sentinel, Rev. James N. Dickerson, N. J.; R. W. Grand Prelate, Rev. Geo. H. Simms, New York.

The next Biennial Session will be held in August, 1927, in the City of Richmond.

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Knights and Daughters of Tabor.

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF TWELVE ANNUAL SERMON

Knights And Daughters Of Tabor Have Gala Day In St. Louis. Two Churches Crowded To Overflow. Prominent Citizens Take Part On Program

The thirty-eighth anniversary sermon of the Knights and Daughters of Tabor was held Sunday at Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion and First Baptist churches, Rev. J. M. Johnson and Rev. J. K. Parker delivering the sermons respectively.

Both churches were filled to overflowing, there being present 2,000 members representing seven Temples, five Royal Houses, twenty-seven Tabernacles, sixteen Tents, and nine Uniform Ranks.

Three Past Grand High Priestesses were present in the persons of Daughters Sarah W. Rose, Bertha E. Rhodes and Corinne Bodine-Thomas.

The Taborian Band led the procession. An interesting unrecorded number was added to the program when "Taborian Harmon Six" appeared on the scene. Several numbers were rendered. These young men acquitted themselves with much credit to both themselves and all concerned.

The Grand Officers who were present at the sermon were Sir Jas. A Rainey, District Deputy and C. G. S.; Dtr. Phoebe L. Caston, G. V. H. P Dtr. Bertha E. Rhodes, G. V. Princess; Sir Chas. W. Dixon, G. R. H. S.

One notable outstanding event of the day was, that no collection was lifted at the meeting. We do not hesitate to say that we believe this the first time in the history of such organizations that this has been done.

The following programs were rendered and the meeting presided over by Sir Jas. A. Rainey, District Deputy and C. G. S., and Dtr. Florence G. Davis, P. G. Q. M:

At Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion church: Organ Voluntary; Selection, Choir; Invocation, Chief Orator, Sir B. A. Donaldson; Welcome on Behalf of Church, Rev. H. H. Jackson; Response to Welcome, Dtr. Octavia Taylor; Introduction of Master of Ceremonies, Sir Jas. A. Rainey, C. G. S.; Selection, Choir; Responsive Reading; Singing, "Eternal Power" by the Order; Reading of Proclamation, Sir Chas. Dixon; Conditon of the Order, Dtr. Phoebe L. Caston, V. G. H. P. Solo; Dtr. Belle Ford; Condition of Tents Dtr. Theresa Bell, P. G. Q. M.; Selection, Choir; Sermon, Rev. Johnson; Benediction.

At First Baptist church: Organ Voluntary; Selection, Choir; Invocation Chief Orator, Sir Blanchard; Welcome on Behalf of the Church, Rev O. C. Maxwell; Response to Welcome, Dtr. Hattie Bradford; Introduction of Mistress of Ceremonies Dtr. Florence G. Davis, P. G. Q. M.; Selection, Choir; Responsive Reading; Singing "Etrnal Power," by the Order; Reading of Proclamation, Dtr Roxanna Brown; Condition of the Order, Dtr. Bertha Rhodes, P. G. H. P.; Selection, Choir; Condition of Tents Dtr. Annabelle J. White; Paper, Maid Grace Taggart; Selection, Choir; Sermon. Rev. J. K. Parker; Benediction.

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Masons.

MASONS, ODD FELLOWS, PYTHIANS, ELKS AND 18 OTHER GRAND LODGES PLEAD BEFORE ASSEMBLY FOR RIGHTS

Judiciary Committee of Legislature Hears Eloquent Colored Spokesmen Plead for Billups Amendment to Benevolent Orders Law—Favorable Report of Committee Predicted

ALBANY, N. Y., March 10.—The most prominent colored fraternal men of the Empire State gathered here this afternoon, stormed the Judiciary Committee of the Assembly, and pleaded for their equal rights to their name, insigna and rituals with white fraternities, under the Benevolent Orders Law of the State of New York.

Asking that twenty-two new subdivisions be added as amendment to that law in order to cover the colored fraternal orders, the amendment reads:

"The people of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows: S 1, Section 2 of chapter eleven of laws of nineteen hundred and nine, entitled, "An act relating to benevolent orders, constituting chapter three of the consolidated laws," is hereby amended by inserting therein after subdivision thirty-one as added by chapter six hundred and four of the laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-four, and before the final paragraph of such section, twenty-two new subdivisions, to be subdivisions thirty-two to fifty-three, to read as follows:

32. A lodge of Free and Accepted Masons duly chartered by and instituted according to the general rules and regulations of the Most Worshipped Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons (Prince Hall) of the State of New York.

33. A chapter of Royal Arch Masons duly chartered by and instituted according to the general rules and regulations of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons (Prince Hall) of the State of New York.

34. A counsel of Royal and Secelt Masons duly chartered by and instituted according to the general rules and regulations of the Grand Counsel of Royal and Select Masons (Prince Hall) of the State of New York.

35. A commandery of Knights Templars duly chartered by and instituted according to the general rules and regulations of the Grand Commandery (Prince Hall) of the State of New York.

36. A consistory, chapter, counsel or lodge duly chartered by and instituted according to the general rules and regulations of the Supreme Counsel of the Ancient and Scottish Rite (Prince Hall affiliation).

37. A temple of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine duly chartered by and instituted according to the general rules and regulations of the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (Prince Hall affiliation).

38. A chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star duly chartered by and instituted according to the general rules and regulations of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star (Prince Hall affiliation) of the State of New York.

39. A lodge of Odd Fellows duly chartered byg and instituted according to the general rules and regulations of the bi-ennial moveable committee of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows.

40. A Household of Ruth duly chartered by and instituted according to the general rules and regulations of the bi-ennial movable committee of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows.

41. A lodge of the Knights of Pythias duly chartered by and instituted according to the general rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia.

42. fA lodge of the Knights of Pythias duly chartered by and instituted according, to the general rules and regulations of the Supreme Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, Eastern and Western Hemispheres.

43. A court of Calanthe duly chartered by and instituted according to the general rules and regulations of the Supreme Curt of Calanthe of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia.

44. A court of Calanthe duly chartered by and instituted according to the general rules and regulations of the Supreme Court of Calanthe, Eastern and Western Hemispheres.

45. A lodge of the improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World duly chartered by and instituted according to the general rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World.

46. A temple duly chartered by and instituted according to the general rules and regulations of the Grand Temple of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World.

47. A lodge duly chartered by and instituted according to the general rules and regulations of the Independent Order of Sons and Daughters of Samaria.

48. A lodge duly chartered by and instituted according to the general rules and regulations of the grand lodge of the Order of Love and Charity of the State of New York.

49. A lodge chartered by and instiinstituted according to the general rules regulations of the Grand United Order of Daughters and Sons of St. Lu Eastern and Western Hemisphere.

50. A lodge chartered by and instituted according to the general rules and regulations of the Independent Order of St. Luke.

51. A lodge chartered by and instituted according to the general rules and regulations of the grand council of the Order of the Knights and Daughters of Honor of the State of New York.

52. A lodge duly chartered by and instituted according to the general rules and regulations of the grand lodge of the Independent Order of Mechanics of the State of New York.

53. A lodge duly chartered by and instituted according to the general rules and regulations of the Grand United Order of Fishermen of Galilee of the Eastern and Western Hemisphere.

Among the delegates of King Solomon Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., were J. A. Steele, John H. Smith, John Ruffin and H. Hardy.

Grand Master W. David Parker and others represented the Masons, as did prominent colored lodge leaders from up State.

Among the other New York city officials are: Joseph Brown, Samuel Mitchell, Wm. Buck Terry and John M Royall, all of Ill. Monarch Elks, while Jerome P. Ottley, Robert B. Braddick and H. Adolph Howells represented Imperial, and M. Hanson and J. Dalmus Steel and others represented Manhattan Lodge of Elks.

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NEGRO MASONS EAGER TO AID IN FIGHT ON FRAUDS

Prince Hall Grand Lodge Favors Move of White Body to Rout Spurious Foreign Lodges

WHITES REFUSE TO GIVE OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Holds That Move Is Intended Against All Who Prey on Ignorance by False Pretense

By Lester A. Walton

Publication in the daily press some weeks ago that the New York Grand Lodge of Masons had announced intention of waging a vigorous campaign against spurious Negro, white and foreign-born lodges immediately brought forth indignant protests from Negroes belonging to the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, who seemed to think the public had been unintentionally given the false impression that all Negro Masonic lodges are bogus.

Proof was furnished that local members of Prince Hall Grand Lodge are as desirous as the New York Grand Lodge of bringing about the suppression of questionable Masonic bodies organized in New York City by white and colored men, usually from foreign countries and representing themselves to be empowered with absolute authority to set up lodges in this country, which is done at "so much per."

Inquiry as to whether the New York Grand Lodge includes all Negro Masons in the category of spurious, reveals an unusual and somewhat bewildering situation. Unofficially, the white Masons of the State recognize the Prince Hall Masons, but in no sense officially. That friendly relation exist between the two bodies is not denied, but to get officials of the United States to place a broader conception on the meaning of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

Admitted by Whites

Negroes have been admitted to membership of white Masonic lodges of New York State and elsewhere. As far back as June, 1847, the records show that St. George Lodge No. 6, Schenectady, expressed respect for the memory of the Rev. Richard Wright, a Negro member, by "grand honors." Before the Civil War two outstanding Negroes held membership in a white lodge at Charleston, S. C. They were Richard T. Greener, a Harvard graduate who served as United States Consul at Vladivostok, Russia, resigning during the Taft Administration, and Dr. Martin R. Delany, a Major in the Civil War, who was highly complimented on his intelligence by Abraham Lincoln. They enjoyed full rights and privileges and were courtously treated by their white brethren.

Now and then the New York Grand Lodge finds itself in an awkward and embarrassing position on the color question. The Negroes of Hayti are recognized by the Masonic Grand Lodge of Europe. Local white Masons find it necessary to adopt a similar course for obvious reasons. White Americans on visits to England, France and Germany, meet in lodge rooms and socialize with Negro Masons; but Haytians usually find their presence is not wanted when they come to the United States and express a desire to visit the white lodges. The New York Grand Lodge is duty bound to give the Negro brethren letters of introduction, but it is not incumbent on the subordinate lodges to receive the visitors unless they feel so disposed.

West Indian Negro Masons are chartered under the Grand Lodge of England. In recent years Harlem has been their favorite objective, and their settling in the metropolis is large numbers has created a new problem for the New York Grand Lodge. Their requests for letters of introduction to white lodges cannot be ignored. but it is not mandatory that they be extended a hospitable greeting. West Indians aver there are times when the white Masons endeavor to hurdle a delicate situation by sending them with credentials to lodges under the Prince Hall jurisdiction.

Charter From England

The African Lodge of Boston, out of which grew the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, obtained a regular charter from the Grand Lodge of England in 1784. Prince Hall, a Negro born in Barbados, B. W. I., took up residence in Boston during the middle of the eighteenth century. March 6, 1775 he and fourteen other free Negroes were initiated in a military lodge attached to one of the regiments be- during the Revolutionary longing to Gen. Gage. When the War. Negro Masons' reply to this finally issued to them by the Grand Lodge of England. The first Grand Lodge left Boston its Grand Master, argument is that every Masonic lodge J. B. Batt, left the Negro members a Lodges of Negroes, known as the Afri- dispensation giving them the right to can Lodge, was formed in Boston, of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge d in a foreign country was dropped from bury their dead. June 24, 1791, with Prince Hall as on the grounds that it was dropped the roll during the rebllion by the Unable to affiliate with any of the Grand Master. It was later named from the rolls by the Grand Lodge of England which failed

to continue its contribution to the English Grand Charity Fund, but that these erasures did not affect the status of any of the other lodges.

Historian Cites Facts

On the subject of legitimacy of the Negro Masons, Ossian Lang, historian of the New York Grand Lodge, in his book on "History of Freemasonry in the State of New York" lets the cat out of the bag when he says: "The Grand Lodge evidently draws a line of distinction between fraternal relationship with a foreign Masonic grand body and acknowledgment of the "regularity" or legitimacy of such a grand body. Thus it may acknowledge that the so-called Prince Hall Grand Lodge, composed of Americans of African descent, was duly constituted by the Grand Lodge of England and thus is legitimate, but considerations involving the fundamental principles of State sovereignty, adhered to by existing American lodges, are in themselves sufficient to justify a refusal to enter into fraternal relations with that body."

The most significant move to recognize Negro Masons was made at Boston last September at the annual meeting of the Scottish Rite Masons of the Northern Jurisdiction. The council decided to adopt a policy of informal co-operation toward the Negro Masonic organization, the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, Prince Hall affiliation. No such previous recognition ever had been given. This gesture on the part of Thirty-Third Degree Masons does not necessarily have a direct bearing on the policies of State Grand Lodges.

There are more than 900 subordinate lodges under the jurisdiction of the New York Grand Lodge and more than fifty colored lodges of Prince Hall Masons in the State. In the United States there are 9,000 subordinate lodges in the Prince Hall jurisdiction, with a financial strength of more than $2,500,000.

White Masons' Attitude

Officers of the New York Grand Lodge will not give an emphatic yes or no when asked if the Prince Hall Masons are regarded as bogus. "Whatever movement being made is against organizations that prey on ignorance by pretending to be Masons and benefit financially by their endeavors. While we do not recognize any of the Grand Lodges of Negro Masons because of their charters, for so many years the Prince Hall Grand Lodge by being conscientious and adhering to the best traditions of Masonry has established a status for itself, despite the question of legitimacy of descent," is the only explanation those authorized to speak for the white Masons will make. Even this is not to be construed as an official utterance from the New York Grand Lodge.

Representatives of the New York Grand Lodge and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge do not hesitate to venture the prediction the time will come when intercourse between white and colored Masons in New York State will not be interdicted and when it can be said without qualification that the Masonic fraternity knows no difference of rank, faith, political views or color.

Prominent white and colored Masons find no disagreement over the principles of Masonic law. In America their differences have been purely social and largely one of comity. Indisposition of one not to fraternize with the other is a baneful effect of slavery. Even with some Northern white Masons evincing an inclination to interpret the purposes of Masonry on a more liberal basis and wipe out the color line, fear of offending Southern members and provoking a race issue prevents any immediate recognition of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

York Masons End Annual Meeting at Minneapolis

Minneapolis, Minn., July 10.—Beginning June 24 at 12 o'clock at the Elks hall, Sixth Ave. and Lyndale the most worshiped North Star grand lodge and Zenith grand court, Heroines of Jericho (national compact) Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the U. S. A. Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons, held their first grand annual communication with [illegible] attendance from St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, Sioux City, Iowa, Sioux Falls, S. D., Fergus Falls, Minn., and Chicago.

The sessions lasted four days, unfinished business requiring the executive session on Saturday.

The appointment of committees by the most worshiped grand master, R. J. Simmons of Duluth, and assignment of the officers to the various homes occupied most of Wednesday afternoon.

The evening program opened with invocation by Rev. L. W. Harris; remarks, R. D. Wiley; welcome address, representative of Mayor Leach, who was called out of town; response, R. J. Simmons, M. W. G. M.; welcome for state, Judge John Finehout, St. Paul; welcome for churches of the Twin Cities, Rev. W. H. Griffin; response, Rev. D. W. Shorts, Sioux City, Iowa; welcome for King David lodge No. 2, Minneapolis, Kempus Worcuff; response, Rev. R. L. Lewis, N. M. Mt. Sinai lodge No. 11, Fergus Falls, Minn.; welcome on behalf of Queen Elizabeth court No. 3, Minneapolis, Miss Effie Patterson; response, Mrs. Viola Williams, Sioux City, Iowa, grand lecturer; paper, Mrs. Mitchell, Sioux Falls, S. D.; quartet, Harmony Four; address, M. M. Simmons, G. M. A. M., Duluth, Minn.; paper, Mrs. Hilda Parker, Minneapolis; solo, Mrs. Zella Glenn Waters, Duluth, Minn.; address, Prof. R. W. Westbury, national M. N. J., Chicago; paper, Mrs. Maggie Anderson, Queen Esther court No. 7, Minneapolis, Minn.; solo, Mrs. F. F. Hendricks, Sheba court No. 2, St. Paul, Minn.; paper, Miss Eloise Branch, Queen Elizabeth court No. 3, Minneapolis, Minn.; solo, Mrs. Edith Moore, Golden Star court No. 4, Minneapolis, Minn.; paper, Mrs. Helen Lewis, Queen Esther court No. 7, Fergus Falls, Minn.; benediction, Rev. E. H. Patrick, G. J. W., St. Paul Minn.

Hear Annual Sermon

Members of the craft and sisters of the courts turned out en masse Thursday evening at Pilgrim Baptist church, where the annual sermon was preached by Rev. G. W. Champion of Perry, Iowa, who substituted for Dr. L. H. King of New Orleans, La. who did not arrive until Friday; welcome address, Rev. L. W. Harris; remarks, Mrs. M. M. Simmons, grand matron; offering and benediction.

The election of officers occupied the entire day on Friday. The outstanding event occurred in the evening after the routine of business. A splendid program, including piano solo, Miss Edna Mae Simmons of Duluth, Minn.; remarks, Grand Master R. J. Simmons; prayer, Rev. J. W. Wilson, chaplain. The annual sermon delivered by Dr. L. H. King of New Orleans, La., was greatly enjoyed by all. Grand Master Simmons spoke on the history of the organization.

The installation of officers followed, all duly installed by the M. N. G. W., R. J. Simmons.

Enjoy Banquet

At the completion of the ceremonies all repaired to the banquet tables, beautifully arranged and decorated wtih huge baskets of red and white carnations, peonies and miniature American flags.

An elaborate five-course banquet was served by the ladies, each of whom gave excellent service to the guests.

The most worshipful North Star grand lodge of Minnesota elected the following officers Friday at Elks hall, Sixth and Lyndale Aves., Minneapolis: R. J. Simmons of Duluth, M. W. G. M., re-elected; Joel M. Polk, district deputy grand master, Minneapolis; W. M. Cannon, Sr., G. warden; E. H. Patrick, Jr., G. warden; O. A. Davis, grand secretary; Edward Robinson, grand treasurer; Alfred Taylor, grand charity secretary, all of St. Paul; C. E. Banks, grand tyler, Perry, Iowa; G. C. Champion, grand chaplain; J. W. Wilson.

Zenith grand court, Heroines of Jericho of Minnesota, held their annual election of officers Friday. Mrs Mae Simmons, Duluth, W. A. G.; M. M. Cornelius, G. G. M.; Irene Robinson, D. G. matron; D. A. Rose, G. C. treasurer; B. Parker, Minneapolis G. C. secretary; M. Patrick, G. I. G. K.; Adeline Lewis, G. O. G. K., Minneapolis; Hilda Parker, G. E. lecturer; Effie Patterson, W. M. Cannon G. W. J.; first G. C. D., Bro. Joel M. Polk; second G. C. D., O. A. Davis; third G. C. D., H. R. Rowan; G. charity treasurer, Marie Glenn; G. C. directors, Irene court, Sister Eloise Branch; Golden Star court, Lulu Boyce; Sheba court, St. Paul; Northern Light Court, Duluth, Zella Glen Water

SHRINERS END SESSIONS IN KANSAS CITY

Not as Many Present as in Former Years

By R. C. FISHER

Kansas City, Kan., Aug. 28.—The Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order, Nobles of Mystic Shrine, opened its 26th annual session last Tuesday morning in the Northeast high school. From the viewpoint of attendance, the delegation of Shriners did not come up to expectations, and it was the smallest representation for such an occasion in many years.

Welcome addresses featured the first day's session. Governor Ben Paulen of Kansas and Mayor Gordon extended a hearty welcome to the visitors. Prof. J. P. King, Bishop W. T. Vernon and Dr. J. G. N. Soanes, grand master of Kansas Masons, spoke on behalf of the citizens. W. G. Pearson of Durham, N. C., who recently gave $25,000 for educational purposes, responded to the welcome for the Shriners.

Most of the business of the imperial council was completed during the Tuesday afternoon session.

$16,865.37 Paid to Widows

The finance officers made their reports Wednesday night and the election of officers was held. There were no changes made in the divan. Each officer was re-elected. The amount collected for the charity fund department was reported as being $20,690.64 for the year ending Aug. 12, 1925, and $16,865.37 was disbursed to widows of deceased Shriners during the year. In addition to the charity fund money, the imperial council has $9,030.28 in the general and defense funds. One hundred and eleven temples in the United States comprise the imperial jurisdiction and are made up of 10,000 Shriners.

What Affected Attendance

The next annual session of the Shriners will be held in Boston, Mass., in August, 1926. At that time the international conclave, Knights of Templars, who for the most part are also members of the Shrine order, will hold their sessions in the same city. This was not the year for the Knights Templars to hold their conclave, being an organization that meets biennially. That condition greatly affected the attendance at the recent Shrine convention.

The largest delegations from the various temples and their auxiliaries, which were conspicuous at the Pittsburgh, Pa., sessions last year, were notably absent in Kansas. Four temples of Missouri, a stone's throw from Kansas City, Kan.—Allah at Kansas City, Medinah at St. Louis, Moslem at St. Joseph and Sheik at Sedalia—did not participate because of a restraining order issued by past grand master of Missouri Masons, Eugene Lacey, following a fraternal misunderstanding with the grand master of Kansas, J. G. N. Soanes.

The parade Wednesday was lacking in gorgeousness and the many features characteristic of those witnessed in past years were missing. There was only one brass band to furnish music. Mounted police of our Race and members of Koran temple headed the procession. An interesting feature was a group of girls playing ukuleles and singing popular songs.

Imperial Divan

Officers re-elected for the ensuing year: Caesar R. Blake, Jr., imperial potentate; Clarence W. Baxter, imperial chief raban; I. H. Bradbury, imperial assistant raban; A. W. Brazier, imperial high priest and prophet; S. S. Richardson, imperial oriental guide; Charles D. Freeman, imperial treasurer; Levi Williams, imperial recorder; James R. Williams, imperial first ceremonial master; Jos. A. Williams, imperial second ceremonial master; Stewart C. Jefferson, imperial captain of the guard; Isaac M. Carper, imperial outer guard.

The competition drill of patrols was abandoned this year.

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MASONS CLOSE BRILLIANT MEETING IN TUSCALOOSA, ALA.; COLLECTIONS $268,784.04; NEXT SESSION AT TUSKEGEE INST. ITEMIZED REPORTS PROVOKE FAVORABLE COMMENT

Tuscaloosa, Ala., August 21.—The Masons of Alabama, under the leadership of Walter Thomas Woods, closed its most historic and inspiring session here Thursday evening, when the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at Tuskegee Institute, Tuesday, July 20 1926.

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The outstanding features of the Grand Lodge was the public session held at the First African Baptist Church Tuesday night, the address of Grand Master Woods when he spoke of every interest of the order covering in detail the finance of the institution, the practice of subordinate lodges, secretaries and masters of lodges.

The detail expression of the Grand Master on the Masonic Temple of Birmingham and the rise of the order during the last eight years was a signal for heavy and continuous applause. The address told of the struggles of the order for the past twelve years, it's promptness in meeting its obligations and the seven hundred and forty-three thousand dollars ($743,000) resources in property in the State of Alabama.

All reports were interestingly made and covered in detail the activities of all officers who had handled the order's funds during the past fraternal year. Grand Secretary P. D. Davis and Endowment Secretary A. A. Peters both showed remarkable increases in collections and a rapid growth of the membership.

According to the report of R. B. Hudson, Endowment Treasurer, he received two hundred fifty thousand four hundred forty dollars and fifteen cents ($250,440.15) during the year and collected at the Grand Lodge four thousand two hundred and seventy dollars ($4,270), making a total collection for endowment two hundred fifty-four thousand seven hundred ten dollars and fifteen cents ($254,710.15) This was more than forty thousand in excess of the collection for 1924. J. O. Diffay, Grand Treasurer, received during the year eleven thousand five hundred seventy-three dollars and eighty-nine cents ($11,573.89), and collected at the Grand Lodge two thousand and five hundred dollars ($2,500), making his total receipts fourteen thousand seventy-three dollars and eighty-three cents ($14,073.89).

The remarkable thing about the Masonic Grand Lodge, as it regards the reports of officers, is that every officer made a detailed and itemized report. Beginning with the Grand Master, he named every item of expense, giving the names of parties to whom the money was delivered, item by item was read by every officer, including stationery, stamps, telephone bills, express and whatever charge that may be made against the order was stated in each report, and following these reports was the statement of the auditor, W. H. Carter, expert accountant, and acting treasurer of Tuskegee Institute, who is also auditor for this fraternity. His report gave the valuation of the order, its resources, its liabilities, even to the expectancy of policy-holders. He complimented the good service of the officers and explained that the order is running on a most economical basis, and the capacity of the Masonic Temple Building is thirty thousand dollars a year. His report created much favorable comment and the delegation gained information and instruction.

It is remarkable how economical the order is run in Alabama, collecting over three hundred thousand dollars ($300,000) from all sources, looking after rentals and the general business of the order, at an expense less than eight thousand dollars, for officers, boards, committees and all who have to do with the operation of the institution. Harmony and peace reigns in the official family, and throughout the jurisdiction. These reports were as they should have been. The Grand Lodge officers hastened to make detailed statements even to the amount of ink and pencils bought. They felt it their duty, and the delegation required it. Another complimentary expression in the report of the treasurer is that the lawyers fee, including the negotiation in the financing of the Masonic Temple, and the regular attorney's fee for the past two years amounted to less than a thousand dollars. They talked like fraternal order people, they acted like fraternal order folk, and their records proved them to be an institution of charity and fraternal love.

Grand Master Woods Complimented

For the faithful service of Grand Master W. T. Woods the Grand Lodge in session Tuesday voted to donate him an automobile. There were nearly 1,100 delegates in the convention and they voted the proposition through a yell of cheer and goodwill. Grand Master Woods has done some faithful service in Alabama and he has proven what can be done by honest dealing and a fair disposition with Negro people.

WALTER THOMAS WOODS

Grand Master of the Masons of Alabama, an organization of more than twenty-two thousand members

Grand Lecturers J. B. Baker, J. L. Garrett and Lecturer Humphrey, all delivered interesting messages, and showed the order to be in a progressive state in the remote sections of Alabama.

Grand Master's Address

The address outlined the work of Masonry throughout the civilized world, and covered much of the practices in America. "Masonry, its message and its mission and benefits" was fully discussed in the address and gave many illuminating expressions that keyed the men to action and appreciation.

The address covered many important features of activities and in his discussion on education and temperance he made the following statement:

"Education"

"We are living in a progressive age, an age of competition and fierce struggle. We are living in an age when men are called upon to meet the issues of life squarely and deal with them on their merits. We are living in a day of test, when men must either be efficient deliverers or less noisy talkers. The day of the haranguer is past; this is the day of men who do things and represent a constituency. This is the day when the test is being applied with all its force and directness to both individuals and races, and the race which is not able to stand the test must be counted a back number and eventually lose pace in the grand march of civilization. Our race is passing through a crucial period in its history. Surrounded by grueling opposition, encompassed by competition that is fierce and unrelenting; the victim of ignorance and crime; the question is being asked: 'What about the Negro?' Will we survive this great test on in these United States? The answer comes, 'It will depend upon how well the Negro is prepared to cope with the difficulties he is bound to encounter as he passes through this life.' Our boys and girls must be educated; they must be trained to do the world's work. They must feel their responsibility for the welfare and betterment of their race. It is only along this line that we can ever hope to succeed. 'Educate' must be our slogan. 'Educate' must be our cry. Train the mind, the body and the soul. With this accomplished our destiny is sealed, our hopes realized and our enthusiasm will know no diminution.

'Trust no future however pleasant,
Let the dead past bury its dead.
Act, act in the living present,
Heart within and God overhead.'

"Temperance"

"Again, my brethren, I call your attention to the vital importance of the subject of INTEMPERANCE. No amount of fervid eloquence, no richness of rhetorical skill, no amount of poetical imagination can excel in picturing the awful horrors of the drink evil; the cold facts as they appear to any careful observer of the terrible ravages of rum among men and nations. Brethren, O brethren; those of you who know so well its deadly influence in destroying men, those of you who are opposed to whisky, both from principle and policy, do let us take a stand here in our Grand Lodge against it that will forever throw the entire weight of the craft's influence absolutely and forever opposing. I urge this for the reason that I really know, my dear brethren, that something ought to be done by us, and at once, in this gravely important matter, a matter that touches every heart and hearthstone in this broad land, whether we realize it or not. Oh! that every one of the Masons in this state were a strong and earnest advocate of temperence, both by precept and example, and that each brother would become, as it were, a living firebrand for the cause of temperance in our state and in the world at large. Brethren, I have at this hour authority from high heaven itself to declare that no drunkard, unless he changes, can please God. And I am commissioned to warn each brother who touches the stuff of his awful danger.

"The duty of being temperate lies upon Masons as strong as upon the Christian world. Masons cannot afford to be intemperate, and must not be. Of all the curses put upon men, none can equal in its bad effects that of intemperance. Go to the homes where want and misery prevail and you will trace its start to strong drink. Go to the prisons and if those confined there would tell the truth you would find that strong drink caused

them to commit the crimes for which they are being punished. Now, I appeal to you Masters to stop taking bootleggers and whisky drinkers in your lodges. We have no place in our halls for drunkards and certainly not in the Master's chair. A man in the state penitentiary describes bootlegging and drinking whisky thus:

'A bar to heaven, a door to hell;
Whoever named it, named it well.
A bar to manliness and wealth,
A Door to want and broken health.
A bar to honor, pride and fame,
A door to sin and grief and shame.
A bar to hope, a bar to prayer.
A door to darkness and despair.
A bar to honored, useful life,
A door to brawling, senseless strife.
A bar to all that's true and brave;
A door to every drunkard's grave.
A bar to joy that home imparts,
A door to tears and aching hearts.
A bar to heaven, a door to hell,
Whoever named it, named it well."

Many prominent men and women attended the public exercises, and among the noted characters delivering addresses during the session were Dr. E. T. Belsaw, Mobile; Dr. J. A. Bray, Secretary Education C. M. E. Church; Mr. P. D. Davis, of Birmingham; Prof. R. B. Hudson, of Selma; Prof. A. A. Peters, of Girard, Ala.; Dr. G W. Mitchell, Mobile; W. J. Turner, St. Louis, Mo.; Grand Master L. L. Powell, of the Mosaic Templars of America; Atty. C. V. Hendley, Huntsville, Ala.; Prof. Randall, of Montgomery; Profs. Carter, Evans and Mack, of Tuskegee Institute and a host of others delivered interesting messages.

The eloquent and carefully worded address by Oscar W. Adams, editor of The Birmingham Reporter, responding to the the address of welcome by Honorable Monroe Ward, in behalf of the white citizens of Tuscaloosa, deserves special mention, because Mr. Adams made a fine impression on the brilliant lawyer and reflected a credit on the Grand Lodge and on the members of his race. If Lawyer Ward represented in the tone of his speech the new South, Mr. Adams represented the new Negro.

As I have said, it is rare for any one to speak twenty minutes without creating unpleasant feeling on an occasion of this kind. This program was an exception. Lawyer Ward said during his extended practice at the bar he had never seen a Negro Mason tried for a crime. "Tuscaloosa," he said, "is mighty glad to have you come." Mr. Adams declared that the Grand Lodge has never heard a more encouraging address by a white man.

It is due the citizens of Tuscaloosa to say that they honored the Grand Lodge by the selection they made to speak the words of welcome. The welcome by the pastor of the church, Dr. R. W. Coleman; by T. A. Ferguson, for the local lodges; by Mrs. Sadye M. Baugh, for the local chapters Eastern Stars; and responses respectively by Prof. H. D. Davidson, of Centerville; Mrs. Mary S. Jones, of Acton; completed with music by the trained choir, and instrumental solos by Mrs. Carrie O'Rourke and Master Eddie H. Dixon, all under the excellent management of Dr. A. B. McKenzie, master of ceremonies, constituted one of the best welcome exercises I have ever witnesses. **Where the spoke was too short, the tire was not long.**

Officers Elected

W. T. Woods, of Birmingham, Ala., Grand Master; J. P. Phillips, of Pike Road, Ala., Deputy Grand Master; F. G. Hill, Montgomery, Ala., Grand Senior Warden; N. C. Cockrell, Mobile, Ala., Grand Junior Warden; P. O. Davis, Birmingham, Ala., Grand Secretary; J. O. Diffay, Birmingham, Ala., Grand Treasurer; A. A. Peters, Girard, Ala., Grand Endowment Secretary; Dr. L. L. Burwell, Selma, Ala., Grand Medical Registrar; R. B. Hudson, Selma, Ala., Grand Endowment Treasurer. Trustees are as follows: W. T. Woods, chairman; E. T. Belsaw, Chas. V. Hendley, J. P. Phillips, Frank G. Hill, P. D. Davis, J. O. Diffay, A. A. Peters and R. B. Hudson.

ALL OFFICERS RE-ELECTED BY THE SHRINERS

Kansas City—The Imperial Council, Nobles of the Ancient Arabic Egyptian order of the Mystic Shrine, closed its 26th annual session at Kansas City, Kans., last Friday after a most remarkable display of harmony that contrasts greatly with the deadlocked cnodition that prevailed for days with several national organizations that have met during the current month. One unanimous vote cast by Past Imperial Potentate Eugene Phillips of New York served to reelect the entire divan of officers, about twenty in number. Not a dissenting voice was heard to the motion that called for this action.

Among the officers so re-elected was Charles D. Freeman of Washington who has functioned as Imperial Treasurer for an almost untold number of years. Imperial Potentate Caesar R. Blake, Jr., of Charlotte, N.C., with Harry Knight as Deputy; Levi Williams of Jersey City as Imperial Secretary; and Charles Thorpe of New York as Imperial Marshall, are among the officers whose business efficiency and zeal were so fittingly rewarded.

Gov. Ben Paulen of the State of Kansas, Mayor Gordon of Kansas City and Grand Master J. G. Soanes, delivered addreses of welcome. Bishop H. T. Vernon, W. G. Pearson of North Carolina were other prominent speakers heard during the session.

Sessions were held on alternate days with social functions intervening. Visits to the U. S. A. Prison at Leavenworth and to the Swift and company packing plant were features of the week. Other more intimate affairs were the dinner tendered the visitors at Streets' Hotel, Kansas City, Mo., by Grand Master Eugene Lacey of Missouri; a banquet at the Swift Co.; the exhibition drills at Memorial Hall and the parade of the Patrols.

Local papers referred to the gathering as "The most dignified assemblage of Negroes that the state of Kansas had ever witnessed."

The next session will be held in conjunction with the other bodies of the Masonic craft at Boston in 1926.

NEGRO MASONS ARE MAKING PROGRESS

Eight Years Ago $93,000 in Debt; Now Have Assets of $650,000

TUSCALOOSA, Aug. 18.—The 48th annual session of the State Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M., Colored, Walter Thomas Woods, Birmingham, grand master, representing 820 local lodges in the state, with an aggregate membership of 35,000 opened at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning in the First African Baptist church. Devotional exercises were conducted by Grand Chaplain G. W. Mitchell of Mobile.

The vast auditorium of the church was filled to capacity, while many delegates remained outside.

Woods said in his opening address Freemasonry means the ideal life and that one should think much about right living and less about dying. He said that when the grand lodge met in Tuscaloosa eight years ago its endowment department of the order was $93,000 in the hole; that now the reports will show assets amounting to $743,000 with net assets of $650,000. He said the Temple in Birmingham cost $700,000 and is valued at $1,000,000.

The routine work of the morning session consisted of calling the roll of local lodges. After reaching the 400th lodge the meeting recessed for dinner.

The feature of the afternoon session will be the address of the grand master and reports of officers handling the funds.

TUSCALOOSA, ALA., Aug. 18.—The 30th annual session of the State Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Colored, composed of wives, widows and daughters of Negro A. F. and A. M. was called to order at the A. M. E. Zion church, Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. I. H. Rose, of Wetumpka, grand patron, presided.

Rev. Silas Jones of Mt .Meigs, grand chaplain presided.

The committee on rules was appointed, consisting of Rev. Bray of Birmingham, chairman. Committee on credentials: Rev. Uriah J. Robinson, of Mobile, chairman. The latter committee showed that 442 chapters were represented with an aggregate membership of 12,567. Five hundred (500) delegates were present at the opening.

The afternoon session will be spent in listening to the annual addresses by the Royal Grand Matron, Janie M. Balasco, of Mobile, and Royal Grand Patron, J. H. Rose.

THIRD COURT FIGHT WINS BIG VICTORY

Now Have Right to Wear Regalia; Previous Tilts Had Been Lost

AUSTIN, Tex., Oct. 31.—The Supreme Court of Texas granted a writ of error in the case of the White Shriners of Texas against the Colored Shriners on petition of the Colored Shriners, through their attorneys, S. A. T. Watkins and James E. White of Chicago and Wilford H. Smith of Houston, Texas. This action of the Supreme Court of Texas, reversing the decisions of the Texas Appellate Court and District Court, will permit the Colored Shriners to carry their case to the Supreme Court of the United States.

History of Fight

The case was first tried in the 80th District Judicial Court, Houston, before Judge Harvey. The local white Shriners filed a bill for injunction against the colored Shriners to prohibit them from using the name, wearing emblems and regalia and from holding meetings. The effect of this drastic injunction would put the Order out of existence in Texas.

At the time of the trial in Houston, Homer E. McCoy, popular undertaker of Houston, was potentate of the local body. E. D. Pierson, at that time science instructor in the Houston High school, was secretary of the local order. Mr. Pierson now resides at 4534 Michigan Blvd., Chicago, Illinois.

Following an adverse decision there the case was appealed to the Appellate Court at Galveston, which decided against the colored Shriners on April 2, 1925, and an appeal was taken to the Supreme Court of Texas.

Both National bodies intervened in the suit both in the District and Appellate courts and it is now these two National bodies that will contest the issue in the United States Supreme Court, following the writ of error granted by the Supreme Court of Texas.

Similar Cases Settled in Three States

Cases between the two National bodies have been settled in Arkansas, where the colored Shriners won; in Florida, where an injunction was denied the whites and in Louisiana, where the case rests without any action being taken by either party.

Attorneys James E. White and S. A. T. Watkins of Chicago, represent the National Organization. The local body is represented by Wilford H. Smith of Houston, Texas.

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PYTHIANS BREAK CAMP AFTER RE-ELECTING S. W. GREEN HEAD

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 28.—The unanimous re-election of S. W. Green of New Orleans as supreme chancellor and the choice of Chicago for the 1927 convention of the supreme lodge of the Knights of Pythias were the marked features of the session which ended here Friday, Aug. 21. The great hosts of this largest of fraternities within our Race struck camp Saturday morning. Maj. R. R. Jackson's Pythian legions marched from the fair grounds to entrain for Chicago to tell of the great meeting and to make plans for a repetition in 1927. The Pythians were followed to Louisville by 15,000 visitors.

The supreme lodge sessions were held in the palatial temple for which the lodge recently refused $350,000, and then public meeting was held at the C. M. E. church, where Mayor Huston Quin of Louisville made the welcome address.

Facts in Figures

The supreme chancellor let figures do his talking. He said that there are 294,222 members of the order, 185,201 Knights and 106,931 members of the Court of Calanthe, and Mr. Green gave the resources of the Knights of Pythias at the stunning figure of $8,000,000.

Perfect harmony reigned throughout the entire session and nothing he or his cabinet asked was denied them. Revision of the constitution of the order was adopted by the supreme body and legislation passed that will enable Pythians to complete the million dollar temple in Chicago.

Distinguished men composed the supreme lodge, which is the leading deliberative body of the order. The grand chancellors, led by Willis of Texas, Andrews of Florida, Wickham of Oklahoma, Collier of New York, Blount of Alabama and Crowell of Virginia, were all present, while the supreme representatives were all first men of their states. From Georgia were Dr. R. Butler and Joseph H. Watson; from Texas, A. S. Jackson and L. B. Kincheon; from Missouri, Fred W. Dabney and Dr. Wm. J. Thomkins; W. W. Adams, S. D. McGill and E. A. Pottsdaner, from Florida; from Pennsylvania, Frank R. Stewart and Dr. John P. Turner.

Court of Calanthe

The Supreme Court of Calanthe, which met in Quinn chapel, A. M. E. church, heard the report of their supreme worthy councillor, Ernest G. Tidrington, noted Indiana leader, on the resources of that department. The figure given was $1,300,000. The women's endowment fund amounts to $559,053.

W. S. Willis of Texas, grand chancellor of the largest jurisdiction, reported as secretary of the supreme endowment board, a separate institution from the grand lodge board, that he had $106,289 in resources. Dr. E. E. Underwood, supreme keeper of records and seals, collected $80,000 in supreme lodge funds for the term. T. G. Nutter, noted West Virginia lawyer, handled, as supreme master of the exchequer, $150,000.

Edward D. Green, secretary of the Pythian commission, reported assets to the department as $584,652. The entire report was a story of growth in organization and confidence.

Elected Officers

Following is a list of the officers elected by the supreme lodge Thursday: Supreme chancellor, S. W. Green, New Orleans; supreme vice chancellor, Ernest D. Tidrington, Evansville; supreme prelate, N. C. Nix, Charleston, S. C.; past supreme chancellor, Dr. E. A. Williams, Cincinnati; supreme keeper of records and seals, Dr. E. E. Underwood, Frankford, Ky.; supreme master of exchequer, Thos. D. Nutter, Charleston, W. Va.; supreme attorney, S. A. T. Watkins, Chicago; supreme medical registrar, Dr. Ulysses G. Mason, Birmingham; supreme master at arms, George Watty, Baltimore; major-general, R. R. Jackson, Chicago; supreme inner guard, J. A. Blume, Winston-Salem, N. C.; supreme outer guard, D. G. Adger, Florida. Pythian Temple commission: W. S. Willis, Texas; G. N. Stoney, Georgia; B. G. Collier, Pennsylvania; C. B. Wickham, Oklahoma; Lee Crawford, New York; Dr. C. M. Wade, Arkansas; W. W. Andrews, Florida, and E. D. Green, secretary, Chicago.

Expectations are that when the supreme lodge reaches Chicago in 1927, the temple which is planned as the finest office building owned by the Race in America, will be ready for dedication. The temple will house the body that provided for it in the days of Starks and built it in the day of S. W. Green.

K. P.'S TO HOLD 1927 SESSION IN CHICAGO

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 26.—The Supreme Lodge of Knights of Pythias, which has been in session in Louisville since Monday, adjourned August 21st on motion of Roscoe Conklin Simmons to meet in 1927 in Chicago. The contest for the 1927 meeting between Denver and Chicago was spirited but Chicago, the leading city for conventions, conducted by our group, supported by Supreme Chancellor Green, won.

All officers were re-elected. The supreme lodge officers were installed by Past Supreme Chancellor E. A. Williams of Cincinnati.

Supreme Chancellor Green was empowered to go ahead with his plans for the completion of the million dollar temple in Chicago and also to take charge of the plans to increase the membership to 1,000,000.

A ball held at the Jefferson County Armory, August 20th, ended the big events which were held during the convention.

Knights of Pythias, E. W. H. Closes Biennial Meeting

Boston, Mass.—Thursday, September 10 marked the closing of the 19th biennial session of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, E. W. H.

Representatives were present from the Virgin Islands and South America, as well as a great number from the northern and southern states of this country. The supreme trustees report on the Supreme Temple Building was very encouraging. They reported a collection from the rentals of $54,012.06 for the biennial term. They also reported $49,500 paid off on the principal of $210,000 since 1921.

The twentieth anniversary of W. Ashby Hawkins as the supreme chancellor of the order was made a special feature of the session by the presentation of a purse of $300, contributed by members of the Order throughout the domain.

The popular song of the Convention was "Its a long way to Boston", written by Dr. Alice McKane, S. W. C.

The following officers were elected for the next biennial term:

For the Supreme Lodge: P. S. C., Solomon Tripp, Baltimore, Md.; S. C., W. Ashby Hawkins, Baltimore, Md.; A. V. C., Wm. W. Willis, New York; S. Prelate, Rev. W. Spencer Carpenter, Buffalo, N. Y.; S. K. R. S., George E. Gordon, Boston, Mass.; S. M. Ex., J. M. Lewis, Chicago, Ill.; S. M. at A., J. B. Oliver, Crewe, Va.; S. I. G., Blaine Chester, New Orleans, La.; S. W. G., J. H. Weeden, Kansas City.

Officers of the Supreme Court:—P. S. W. C., Mrs. Jennie H. Ross, Baltimore, Md.; S. W. C., Dr. Alice McKane, Boston, Mass.; S. W. A. C., Mrs. Louisa B. Anderson, Crewe, Va.; S. W. D., Mrs. Nannie Street, Kansas City, Mo.; S. W. R. D., Mrs. Roberta K. Skinner, Cambridge, Mass.; S. W. Rec. Dept., Mrs. Florena K. Owens, Baltimore, Md.; S. W. E., Mrs. Lottie E. Williams, Philadelphia, Pa.; S. W. H., Mrs. Isabelle George, New York; S. W. Pro., Mrs. Georgia Joseph, New Orleans, La.

PYTHIANS WORTH OVER EIGHT MILLION SAYS S. W. GREEN

SUPREME CHANCELLOR S. W. GREEN SENDS OUT PROCLAMATION; SUPREME JURISDICTION MAKING PROGRESS

Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green has sent out a very interesting proclamation covering the activities of the Supreme Lodge just closed in Louisville, Ky., and giving a full statement of the financial condition of the Knights of Pythias of America. It is shown by the proclamation that the Order in America is worth $8,120,988.77, no doubt the largest financial standing of any order in America. The report shows that thirty-one jurisdictions were represented at the Supreme Lodge, and most of them are in a prosperous condition. It is also shown that several new Past Chancellor's Councils were organized during the recess of the Supreme Lodge, and that

SIR S. W. GREEN
Supreme Chancellor of Knights of Pythias

branch of the work would receive a larger measure of support from the many Past Chancellors of the Supreme Jurisdiction. He recommends to the fraternity to support newspapers that are engaged in placing the work of the order in a favorable light.

The summary of financial resources of the order as shown in the Supreme Chancellor's proclamation makes the following expression:

Grand Lodges		
Bonds and Mortgages owned	$ 868,205.95	
Endowment in treasuries	1,500,789.10	
Grand Lodge funds on hand	136,292.66	
Grand Lodge property owned	2,343,584.87	
Subordinate Lodge property owned	1,350,483.85	
Supreme Lodge property owned	633.958.14	
Total resources of Supreme Lodge		$6,833,314.57
Grand Courts		
Endowment in treasuries	$ 520,053.47	
Grand Court funds on hand	111,050.28	
Grand Court property owned	378,787.83	
Subordinate property owned	150,200.90	
Bonds and Mortgages owned	127,581.72	
Total resources of Supreme Court		1,287,674.20
Total resources of the order		$8,120,988.77

This is a flattering financial statement, and should be encouraging to race men all over the country, because it is one big institution that all may point to with pride. When it is remembered that this money is collected from

most every section of the country, and represents the race in its humble, as well as in its high estate, it should mean much to race progress and race unity.

In his closing remarks Supreme Chancellor makes the following statement:

"The Twenty-Third Biennial Session of the Supreme Lodge showed continued progress, and made an excellent showing by the increase in the financial resources of the Lodges from $5,843,936.37 to $6,833,314.57.

"All the thirty-one (31) Grand Lodges of the Supreme Jurisdiction were represented at the Twenty-Third Biennial Session of our Supreme Lodge and their deliberations were characterized by that Peace and Harmony that should at all times prevail among the followers of Damon and Pythias."

sentatives were men first in the story of their state. From Georgia were Dr. H. R. Butler, Charles A. Clark and Jos. H. Watson; from Texas, A. S. Jackson and L. B. Kingston; from Miss[illegible] W. Dobbs and Dr. William J. Thompkins; W. W. Adams, S. D. McGill and E. A. Fotsdamer from Florida; from Pennsylvania, Frank R. Stewart and Dr. John P. Turner; and so the list goes:

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Edward D. Green, Secretary of the Pythian Commission reported assets of that department as $581,652. It was all a story of progress and of growth in confidence.

The encampment opened the eyes of white Kentucky, which journeyed often and stayed long to view the spectacle.

The Louisville Morning Herald tells of the great parade in these words:

"The Pythian parade, led by Gen. Robert R. Jackson, member of the Chicago City Council and Spanish War hero, gave Louisville something to see and something to talk about. There were soldiers and delegates, men and women, covering over many a city block. They 'put it on' for all who cared to observe and seemed proud of both themselves and heir parade. Hundreds of white people looked on and joined in encouraging applause. Martial strains from bands that knew how to make music enlivened the air and banished all sorrow from the race of many griefs.

"The Lexington band that led one of the divisions let the world know that it was from Kentucky. It played continuously while many of the spectators helped out in 'My Old Kentucky Home.' It was a pretentions parade. 'We always do our best in Louisville,' said a high official of the order. The flag company Palestine Company of Ohio, carried the emblem of the republic with all the pride of war and conquest."

The election turned out this way:

Officers Elected

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The fourth bi-annual session of the Dramatic Order Knights of Omar (The Dokeys) convened at the Odd Follows Hall, 13th and Walnut streets. Messengers from California to New York were present. Much constructive work was done. This department of the Knights of Pythias is rapidly going forward, and is destined to be the leading uniform department of the order. The following officers were elected: J. L. V. Washington, Imperial Potentate, Kentucky; F. B. Powell, Imperial Kadi, Illinois; C. Thad Toomer, Imperial Scribe, Georgia; M. A. Lacey, Imperial Treasurer, New York; E. M. Dixon, Imperial Infir, North Carolina; Rev. M. C. Branham, Imperial Chaplain, New Jersey; C. M. Platt, Inner Sentinel, Florida; Ben. Jackson, Inner Sentinel, Ohio.

Those who attended the Supreme Lodge from Savannah were Col. C. S. Andrews, Adj. Gen., U. R. K. of P.; Miss Lucile Andrews, Col. M. W. Bryan, Lieut. Sam. Brown, Sergt. Frank Kelly, Mr. S. A. Jones, secretary-treasurer Endowment Board; Mr. Albert Morris, representing the Dokeys

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Knights of Pythias.

Waco, Texas.

Negro Tulane chair

Negro Pythians Put on Colorful Parade in Waco

Grand Chancellor in Attack on Illiteracy and Ignorance; Urges More Schools in Texas

Grand Chancellor W. S. Willis of the Colored Knights of Pythias, made an attack on ignorance and illiteracy in the short session of the grand lodge yesterday morning, and Dr. A. S. Jackson, chairman of the committee on education, commissioner of education of the African Methodist Episcopal church, and a noted educator, reinforced all that Willis had said in the report on education, which was made by Jackson.

Produces Murderers

In his address Grand Chancellor Willis declared that ignorance and illiteracy blended together and produced murderers, criminals, lawless men and women, and brutalized and inhumanized them, placing them often on the level of brutes. He appealed to every Pythian to educate his children, and urged that they not be educated away from their race nor away from work, but wanted that they should have a practical common-sense education which would tie them closer to themselves.

"This should be an age of building schoolhouses," declared Willis, "and we as Pythians must get in the plan. It is much cheaper and safer to build schoolhouses and employ competent teachers than it is to build jail houses and employ police officers. The well trained educated negroes of Texas have decided to starve every criminal lawyer and put every sheriff in the poorhouse by giving them nothing to do."

Following the opening of the grand lodge in the auditorium of New Hope Baptist church, Prof. A. S. Jackson read the report of the committee on education. He contrasted the good, honest negro as a slave, with no conception of manhood, as chattel, to be bought and sold to the highest bidder and considered on the same plane of dumb animals.

Prof. A. S. Jackson, of Waco, a graduate from the Waco colored public schools, served as a bootblack on the streets of Waco, and was considered the best in the city. He sold out his outfit, went to college in search of a man, and now he is at the head of the entire educational system of the African Methodist Episcopal church, having in his charge 53 schools and colleges.

The Rev. Dr. W. L. Dickson, of Gilmer, at the head of the Dickson orphanage, spoke on the report. He was loud in his praise of the Texas white people who had contributed so much to the negro in his educational work. He spoke of is own efforts, and while the orphan home was purely a charitable institution, most of the funds had been contributed by the good white people. "We are saving the orphan children from the sin holes, and turning them into men and women."

Huge Parade

Promptly at 9:30 the Grand lodge took recess to take part in what was declared to be the greatest street parade ever pulled off in Waco by any negro organization. There were 1200 uniform knights, and the Dokos, nine Pythian regimental bands, dignataries of the order, such as the supreme chancellor, S. W. Green of New Orleans, Col. Roscoe Conkling Simmons, supreme lecturer from Chicago; Ernest G. Tidrington, of Evansville, Ind., supreme vice chancellor and supreme worthy councillor; Charles Stewart, of Chicago, general missionary of the National Baptist convention, the officials and members of the Grand Court of Calanthe, the female branch, occupied automobiles.

With several thousand colored people in the city from all parts of the state, taking part in the exercises and yesterday, there was no act of disorder and it was not necessary to increase the police force.

Sidewalks were lined with the people of Waco and surrounding country.

Big Social Event

A large entertainment was held last night at the Taborian park, where the uniform ranks soldiers have been in camp all the week. This was a plan worked out by W. S. Willis, and was the social event of the Grand lodge.

During the parade several of the knights fell out of the rank prostrated, but were attended by the physicians of the order.

Grand lodge and Grand court will finish their business today and close tonight.

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(Special to The Freeman

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Hundreds of white people looked on and joined in encouraging applause. Martial starins from bands that knew how to make music enlivened the air and banished all sorrow from the race of many griefs.

The Lexington band that led one of the divisions let the world know that it was from Kentucky. It played continuously while many of the spectators helped out in "My Old Kentucky Home." It was a pretentious parade. "We always do our best in Louisville," said a high official of the order. The flag company, Pakestine Co., of Ohio, carried the emblem of the republic with all the pride of war and conquest."

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AGREE ON MASONIC TEMPLE FINANCING

Washington, D. C., July 24.—The committee consisting of William L. Houston, Alexander Wolf, Herbert L. Davis, Jesse H. Mitchell and Charles P. Ford, appointed by Justice Hitz May 12 in equity court no 1, District of Columbia supreme court, to recommend a method of financing the temple was the cause of a suit brought by Charles Hatcher lodge No. 15, F. and A. M., Allan A. C. Griffithe and Elias G. Evans, versus Jesse H. Mitchell and others, directors of the new Masonic Hall Corporation, has recommended a consent decree that the $135,000 first trust by Charles G. Glover, Jr., and William G. Flather, Jr., for three years and the second trust of $75,000 for two years by the Weller Construction company, be accepted to furnish funds to complete the new Masonic temple, 10th and E Sts. N. W. Charles Pickett and William Lewis were instrumental in securing the above loans.

The report is said to hold that the recommending committee after exhaustive search and attempt at loan placement finds the ones submitted the only procurable ones. It is stated in the report that they are the ones previously recommended by the new Masonic hall board of directors in April.

In the bill of equity filed against the corporation the following things were asked of the court: Appointment of receivers for Masonic Hall corporation, an accounting from the corporation, an injunction against the loan proposed by the board of directors. The court has yet to pass on the merits of these matters.

The committee also recommended that the following allowances for services be granted: William H. Lewis, $5,000; Albert J. Gore, $2,500; Charles P. Ford, $3,000; M. A. Weller, $2,500; Glover & Flather, $5,000; Jesse H. Mitchell, $2,800, 5 years' services; Houston & Houston, $5,000. Alexander Wolf, attorney for plaintiffs, has yet to submit his claim for fee.

The new Masonic temple, the corner stone of which was laid in the summer of 1922, during the sessions here of all important Masonic bodies from the entire country, has been standing in a state of incompletion for many months. The steel work has been erected practically complete. The outside stone work and two floors of concrete have been set. Work was suspended long ago due to lack of funds and quarrels.

Despite the bitterness engendered between the struggling factions, Masonry as a whole, as well as interested spectators, are said to welcome the possibility of an agreement leading to the completion of the great temple. Much significance is attached to the fact that Charles P. Ford, most worshipful grand master for the District of Columbia, and Jesse H. Mitchell, president of the Masonic Hall corporation, are both members of the committee recommending the consent decree for the loan.

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CO-OPERATIVE INDUSTRY FOR LITTLE ROCK

Millions to Be Used in Enterprise

Little Rock, Ark.—With the object of establishing a new industry in Arkansas which will entail an investment of about a million dollars, Attorney Scipio Jones, acting in co-operation with the Mosaic Templars of America, one of the outstanding fraternal beneficiary society of this country, has mailed a circular letter to the 110,000 members of the order throughout 22 states of the Union.

The letter sets out the financial progress being made by our Race, and suggests the formation of a great industrial enterprise to be financed, owned and managed by the people of our group, to engage in the manufacture of a widely used article, which could be sold to the members of the organization below current market prices.

A cotton mill it is believed will result from the inquiries being made, to be located in Arkansas.

The national meeting of the Mosaic Templars takes place once every four years, and in July of next year 5,000 delegates from all the states where Mosaic Templar lodges exist, will assemble in Little Rock. At that meeting it is expected that the membership of the Mosaics will have been increased from 110,000 the present number, to 250,000, and that enough Mosaics can be induced to subscribe a small sum each to finance the proposed new industrial organization, which it is expected will be formed on co-operative lines.

Attorney Jones asserted that the Mosaic Templars of America, with headquarters in Little Rock, Ark., will do a most unusual thing this year in the fraternal circle by paying off $90,000 in death claims to beneficiaries of deceased members of the order, on Dec. 21, 1924, four days before Christmas. During the present months this order will collect $180,000, he said.

Fraternal orders in the state of Arkansas are a great asset, not only to the members, but also to the state. The combined assets of all the fraternal orders of our people in Arkansas for the year ended 1923 amounted to $3,089,021, an increase of $153,028 over the previous year; for the same year's report of the state insurance commissioner there was a decrease of $11,612 in the total liabilities; there is an increase of 1,702 members and a decrease of $8,282 in claims paid. Most lodges of the order are housed in their own buildings and the yearly pay roll of all the orders amounts to approximately $500,000 or more. The average cash balance carried daily in the banks over the state amounts to $1,500,000. The solvency valuation of these orders compares favorably with the valuation of other fraternal orders of this country. The heads of the organization are competent business men, wide-awake and progressive, and possessing the business tact and acumen necessary for the successful management of their institutions.

The national officers are contemplating the establishing of a cotton mill in this state for the purpose of giving employment to the many members of the order and of the race. All here in the state are contented with a few exceptions. To say nothing of the valuable property owned by them in the cities and in the towns, it is indeed eminently creditable to their thrift that they own 15,369 farms that are in a high state of civilization and valued at $45,536,338. The Race population of the state is 472,220 of which 187,565 are of school age. There are about 3,000 Negro teachers in the state and it is the consensus of opinion among the teachers that conditions in Arkansas demand the extension of teachers' training facilities and justify the establishing of a normal school for these teachers.

The Mosaic Templars of America occupy a rather unique place in the realm of fraternal orders for the great and grand institution that now stands as a monument to the genius of the founders is today, but a lengthened shadow of two great personalities—John E. Bush and Chester A. Keats.

TO SELL LODGE RITUALS FOR $150,000

Little Rock, Ark.—Heirs of the late John E. Bush have asked Pulaski County Court for an order to sell copyrighted rituals to the Mosaic Templars for $150,000.

The order numbers 100,000 members in twenty-three states. It was founded in 1883 by John E. Bush and Chester W. Keats. In 1905, the order contracted to pay them perpetually for the use of the rituals or else turn over the money secured from the sales of rituals which had been coyprighted by Bush.

Since the death of Bush, under the contract, the order has been paying Bush heirs $20,000 annually.

Of the total sale price $50,000 in cash will be paid the heirs out of the mortuary fund of the organization and the remainder in ten yearly notes of $10,000 each with interest at 6 per cent.

Division of the notes will give Cora E. Bush and Aldridge E. Bush each $30,000. Ursaline J. Bush would receive $10,000 in notes; Ursaline J. Bush and the England Loan Company, as trustees of the Chester E. Bush estate, $20,000, and Stella Bush-Brown would receive $10,000.

THE MOSAIC TEMPLARS SUPREME LODGE AND THE BUSH CHARTER

The Mosaic Templars of America is no doubt the largest fraternal order of the Negro race in membership, in property and in cash. It is one of the big achievments of the Negro. It is not an abstract. It is original with the Negro people of America and was founded some forty odd years ago by pioneer Negro leaders, C. W. Keats and J. E. Bush. From this time on the institution has grown rapidly and today it is operating in most every state in the Union, paying an endowment to its members and providing suitable monuments and making it possible for the humble of the race to have respectable burials. The order is no ordinary movement and no doubt has in cash and realty assets nearly eight millions of dollars. The men who head up the institution are men of vision proven character and have made their way by constant service to the race and the institution.

The National Grand Lodge has just closed in Little Rock, Ark., the headquarters of the order. This meeting is announced as the most interesting and inspiring session of its history. Thousands of people flocked to Little Rock and watched Negro men and women do business, pass laws and resolutions, fostering the interest of the order and offering encouragement for the race. All of the old officers were re-elected and the delegates are commended for this move because success had been attained and the officers of the supreme jurisdiction were clear of suspicion and labored through the convention as well as through the past three years without charges or attacks upon the honesty of their administration:

Alabama was largely represented and was led on by that stately and gentlemanly character—L. L. Powell, who is Grand Master of the State of Alabama, and has in this state a membership of more than forty thousand. Grand Master Powell stood in a fine position at Little Rock and it was his managerial power, together with his corps of workers that brought about an adjustment that was threatening and serious. Dr. John W. Goodgame, pastor of the Sixth Avenue Baptist Church, also threw himself into the breach and managed well to save the order of a threatening break which might have shadowed its future in America. While a successful and altogether happy convention, it was not without plights of seriousness.

Mosiacs Hold Convention In Little Rock, Arkansas

(Preston News Service)

Little Rock, Ark., July 30.—More than 6,000 delegates and visitors attended the quadrennial sessions of the Mosaic Templars of America here last week. The principal address at the opening session was delivered by Bishop W. T. Vernon, of the A. M. E. church. The National Grand Master, Dr. S. J. Elliott, presided at the sessions. Among the prominent men of the order heading committees and taking active part in the deliberations of the meetings were: A. E. Bush, national grand scribe; P. L. Dorman, I. T. Gilliam, Dr. J. H. Clayborn, E. H. Carry, J. A. Davis, H. E. Carolina, A. W. Weatherford, L. L. Powell, W. E. Davis, E. G. Cannon, T. J. Morsell, Mary M. Gale, E. D. McQueen, Mattie Griffin, H. S. Stewart, W. E. Davis(Dr. J. P. Barber, Dr. R. H. Waterford, G. B. Bryson, W. E. Dancey, E. W. West, Rev. S. L. Greene, Dr. J. W. Goodgame, John Reddick, C. W. Keats and others.

Governor Terral and Mayor Moyer delivered addresses to the members of the convention. The Mosaic Templars was founded 42 years ago and has lodges in all parts of the world. It was founded by J. E. Bush and C. W. Keats. The report showed that it has over 100,000 active members and the assets of the organization is said to be $1,250,000, and its owned property has an assessed valuation of more than $500,000.

SCIPIO JONES LOSES CASE AGAINST MOSAIC TEMPLES

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Aug. 1—(A. N. P.)—In an interlocutory order entered this week, Chancellor Martineau decided in favor of the Mosaic Templars and Grand Master S. J. Elliott thus temporarily ending the suit brought by the Hon. Scipio Jones against the order of which he is a prominent part, a suit which has astounded the entire state and surrounding country. The order was a brief one which while it placed a temporary restraint upon the Mosaic Officers from drawing any funds for the purpose in litigation until ordered by the court was based upon the oral statement of the Chancellor who went into the history of the order and indicated that in his opinion that it would be wise for the organization to complete the contract entered into with he Bush heirs. This contract which called for the sale of the copyright on the rituals which was held by the Bush family to the order for $150,000 and agreed in addition they should receive certain fees and royalties from the sales of the rituals, was entered into by the National Committee of Management in July, 1905 but has anver been ratified by the National Grand Temple.

Attorney Scipio Jones Files Suit

The management of the Order whose assets are said to be in excess of a million dollars ran along smoothly during the life. Those familiar with the organization say that under a private agreement with Grand Attorney Jones, the latter was satisfied with the benefits accruing. When the new head of the order A. E. Busn came into power he was no longer willing it is reported to stand for the digression of a percentage. The result was the engendering of ill feeling anr misunderstanding which resulted in Attorney Jones a suit asking for an order declaring the rituals and the copyright the property of the order rather than of the heirs of J. E. Bush and Chester W. Keats and asking also for the appointment of a receiver in order than an accounting might be made of the money already paid the Bush family as fees which he claimed amounted to more than $200,000. Mr. Jones who was Grand Attorney for the order for many years had been regarding by the public as one of the inside group and great surprise was occasioned by this stand on his part. The entire matter now comes before the Grand Temple which is in session in Little Rock. If Attorney Jones can defeat the contract which the court has ordered submited, he will

MOSAIC TEMPLARS OF AMERICA IN MONSTER CONVENTION.

(By Associated Negro Press.)

Little Rock, Ark., August 5.—In a convention tense with interest, and attended by the largest delegation in its history, the Grand Lodge of the Mosaic Templars of America adjourned Saturday night after a meeting which was notable because of the amount of beneficial legislation passed. The 3,500 people who were brought to the city as a result of the quadrennial session turned Little Rock into a gala city during their stay and crowded to capacity at all times the Mosaid Temple at Ninth and Broadway in which the meeting was held.

National Grand Master Dr. S. J. Elliott, who presided, and National Grand Scribe A. E. Bush, headed the slate of officers who were re-elected with acclaim. Secretary Bush reported 106,000 financial members on the roll and assets in excess of one million dollars. The body agreed to begin at once a campaign for 20,000 members, open to those between the ages of 16 to 30.

Bishop W. T. Vernon of Kansas, delivered the principal address, and among other things stressed the advantage sof America. "There is no better place in the world for the Negro than in America," Bishop Vernon declared. "I have traveled all over the globe, and I know America is the greatest country in the world. This is our country to protect with our lives, if need be."

The convention voted to purchas, the copyright of the ritual from th, Bush family, thereby ending the issue ras eidby Attorney Scipio Jones, who received administration support in re-election to his office as Grand Attorney. Among the State Grand Masters present were Wm. J. Morsell, Illinois; A. W. Weatherford, Texas; L. L. Powell, Alabama; H. S. Davis, Louisiana; W. E. Davis, Florida; D. M. McQueen, H. S. Stewart, Kentucky; Dr. J. W. Goodgame, Alabama; G. B. Bryson, Kansas; E. W. West, W. E. Dancer, Florida; T. J. Mosel, Oklahoma, and John Reddick, Tennessee.

6,000 DELEGATES AT MEET OF MOSAIC TEMPLARS

Governor Terral Addresses Convention; Extends Official Welcome

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SHRINE FIGHTS NEGRO INSIGNIA

Arabic Temple Files Brief in Civil Appeals Court to Sustain Injunction.

Arabia Temple is again in the national limelight of Shrinedom through the filing of a brief in the court of civil appeals at Galveston Thursday in the fight to prevent the use of the Shrine name, insignia, emblems and by-laws by a group of negroes.

The Houston temple won its fight in the Eightieth district court where Judge J. D. Harvey last year granted a permanent injunction against the so-called "negro Shrine." The negroes appealed the case.

The brief as filed this week with the higher court at Galveston recites the full history of the organization of the Shrine as the "playground" of Masonry in 1872 in New York City. The negroes are said to have organized their "Shrine" in Chicago 30 years later and to have copied the white Shrine.

Chief Justice A. A. Pleasants of the appeals court will be disqualified in the trial of the case by reason of being a Shriner and Governor Ferguson will have to appoint a special judge to hear the case.

The national body of the Shrine is watching the Houston case as its result may affect the final adjudication of the matter in the federal courts, where it is expected to be carried later. The Shrine lost a similar case in Arkansas, but won a decision in the supreme court of Georgia.

Attorneys Claude Pollard, John H. Crooker and George C. Gaines represent Arabia Temple in the appeal fight.

HIGH MASONS MEET IN NEW YORK

(By The Associated Negro Press)

New York, N. Y., March 18.—The Council of Deliberation, the highest deliberative body of Masons in the state, save of course the United States Supreme Council, met in an annual session in Prince Hall Headquarters at 155th Street and Eighth Avenue, Sunday afternoon and evening sessions. David W. Parker, 33o, Deputy of the state, presided. The ranking officers of Scottish Rite Consistories in Utica, Buffalo and New York City were in attendance with an escort of King David's Consistory. Seven Inspectors General of the 33o and last degree of the Northern Jurisdiction were received and participated in the proceedings. Rev. James Spurgeon, formerly of the diplomatic service in Liberia and James A. Jackson, inspector generals of the Southern Jurisdiction were guests of the council.

Jackson Gets Important Appointment

James A. (Billboard) Jackson, whose title has grown out of his position as staff editor on the Billboard, the big thearical publication, and who has become known throughout the world by his contributions released to Negro papers through the Associated Negro Press, has been appointed director of the department relating to prints, charts and maps of the library of the United Supreme Council of the 33rd and last degree of Masonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States.

This library, under the supervision of Attorney Elwood G. Hubert, 33o, a Washington attorney, is the finest collection of fraternal historical data and race records relating thereto in the country. The collection originated in every part of the country; and housed in a special chamber in the beautiful temple of the order in the capitol city. Temple and library are one of the show places of the city.

The appointment of Mr. [illegible]son is in keeping with the purpose of the librarian and his Illinois Sov. Gr. Commander to avail themselves of every possible opportunity to expand the resources of this unique library.

MRS. S. JOE BROWN WRITES HISTORY OF EASTERN STARS

The history of the order of the Eastern Star in our group is the name of a neatly bound new book that has just been placed on the market by Mrs. S. Joe Brown, author and publisher, 1058 Fifth Ave., Des Moines, Iowa. Mrs. Brown who is a past grand matron of Iowa and present grand matron of the International Conference of O. E. S. and who has traveled extensively, covering practically every state in the Union and portions of the Dominion of Canada has, in her time making a survey and research regarding the origin and achievements of the order in our group and reports that there are in operation in the United State alone 36 grand chapters, with one in Ontario, Canada, and another in Liberia, Africa, all comprising about 3,400 subordinate chapters, with more than 100,000 members.

Many of these chapters and grand chapters are maintaining widows' and orphans homes, as well as assisting in the erection and maintenance of Masonic temples, valued all the way from $12,000 to $700,000.

The history also contains the date and place of the organization of the first chapter, the first grand chapter and the date and place of organization of all the various grand chapters with their history to date and illustrated views of what the author styles outstanding tangible evidence of the achievements of the order, with a brief historical sketch of each.

No member of the order of Eastern Star can afford to be without this history and all Race lovers should read it, that they also might be apprised of the marvelous achievements of this order.

TEXAS SHRINERS' CASE HAS NATIONAL ASPECT

GALVESTON, Tex., April 28.—A permanent injunction restraining the colored Shriners from using the rites, insignia and emblems of the white Shriners handed down by Judge J. D. Harvey, has resulted in the colored Shriners filing an appeal case in the Court of Civic Appeals at Galveston, Texas.

Through Attorneys Claude Pollard, John H. Crooker and George Gaines, the White Shriners (Arabia Temple) asked an injunction against the colored Shriners (Black Shrine), following which the imperial organization of the colored order intervened and brought the imperial order of the white order in, thus creating a national interest in the case.

MASONS PLAN FIGHT ON BOGUS LODGES

Grand Lodge Told Thousands of Negroes and Foreigners Are Victims of Frauds.

TO ASK LEGISLATURE'S AID

W. A. Rowen and Other Officers Are Re-elected—T. Channing Moore Becomes Treasurer.

Before concluding its 144th Annual Communication at Masonic Temple, Sixth Avenue and Twenty-third Street, yesterday afternoon, the Grand Lodge of Masons of New York made plans for a legal crusade against bogus Masonic bodies in this State, in which it was said that thousands of negroes and foreign-born whites are mulcted by high-sounding names, mysterious secrets and glittering paraphernalia.

Supreme Court Justice Arthur S. Tompkins, Chairman of the Committee on Legislation and a Past Grand Master, was empowere dby the 1,300 delegates present to have measures introduced at the Legislature at Albany, which will make the merchandising of Masonic degrees punishable by law. Other members appointed to serve on the committee with Justice Tompkins were District Attorney Joab H. Banton, George H. Porter and William Grossman of New York, and Lee Parsons Davis of White Plains.

In a long report on the activities of these spurious bodies which he likened to a corrupt ring of confidence men headed by a trust, Justice Tompkins declared that the present laws are inadequate to prosecute offenders. He said that scores of cases are now in the hands of district attorneys in New York and Brooklyn which prove that "the city is literally honeycombed with fake organizations, reeking in mystery and garish in comic opera regalia." He estimated that more than 30,000 persons in New York State have been lured into such organizations, and said that many such persons believed that in getting friends to join and in raising funds for temples that were never built, they were acting on authority from their Grand Lodges and were therefore protected.

The Grand Lodges under which such organizations hold such jurisdiction, Justice Tompkins declared, are themselves spurious, and in them rather than in the duped local lodges "lies the real brain of the graft chain." Many such lodges, he arrested, charge from $30 to $300 for high sounding degrees, and collect thousands of dollars for building temples, after which the lodges are promptly dissolved and the founders disappear with the funds.

He cited the case fo an Egyptian who arrived in New York with a lodge certificate from Egypt which he succeeded in getting stamped by an American Grand Lodge. Armed with this, Justice Tompkins said, the Egyption organized the King Solomon Grand Lodge in the Bronx, sold a score of degrees at high prices and then disappeared.

The following officers were elected: Grand Master, William A. Rowan, New York City; Deputy Grand Master, Harold J. Richardson, Lowville, N. Y.; Senior Grand Warden, Charles H. Johnson, Albany; Junior Grand Warden, R. Elliott Owens, Cortland; Grand Treasurer, T. Channing Moore, Bronxville; Grand Secretary, Robert J. Kenworthy, New York City.

All except Mr. Moore were reelected. Mr. Moore, an Assemblyman from Westchester County, was nominated by Jacob C. Klinck, Brooklyn, retiring Grand Treasurer, to succeed him. James A. Smith of Schenectady and Harlan P. Bosworth of Buffalo were reelected for three years as trustees. Charles J. Reeder of Carthage was elected a trustee to succeed James E. Campbell of Dexter, resigned. John J. MacCrum, New York City, was reappointed Grand Marshal by the Grand Master.

WHITE SHRINERS OPPOSE BLACKS

GALVESTON, Tex., April 21.—A voluminous brief, asking the Court of Civic Appeals at Galveston, Texas, to affirm the judgment of the Eighteenth District Court of that State, restraining the "black Shrine" from using the name, insignia, and emblems of the "white Shrine" has been filed by attorneys with the Galveston court.

The suit, which is of national interest to Shriners, grew out of the organization in Houston, in 1918, of a black Shrine, which Arabia Temple says appropriated its emblems and paraphernalia.

Through Attorneys Claude Pollard, John H. Cooker and George B. Gaines, Arabia Temple asked an injunction against the black order. Then the imperial organization of the black order intervened in the suit, which brought the Imperial Council of the white Shrine into it and gave the lawsuit a national interest to Shriners.

Judge J. D. Harvey, on a hearing of the injunction plea, issued a permanent injunction, which was appealed by the blacks.

Similar suits have been brought in several other States. The Shriners won in Georgia, the Supreme Court of the State barring the blacks from organizing Shrines in that State. The Shrine lost in Arkansas.

The case will be argued before the Galveston court probably this month. Chief Justice A. A. Pleasants is expected to disqualify himself, as he is a Shriner, and the governor will name some one to sit in his place.

Scottish Rite Masons Meet In Washington

Washington, D. C.—The 13th annual session of the Grand Council of the 32nd Degree of the Scottish Rite Masons, for the Southern Jurisdiction, was held here during three days with Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander Robert L. Pendleton presiding. The sessions were held in the Scottish Rite Temple, and the annual sermon was preached by Ill. Oscar W. Scott, chaplain of the United States Army, retired.

Supreme Council, Scottish Rite Mas. Meets In New York

Sovereign Grand Commander S. A. Furniss Presides; Many Visitors Present

The United Suprime Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry (Prince Hall affiliation) of the Northern Jurisdiction, U. S. A. convened in its forty-fourth annual session at Prince Hall Masonic Temple 280 West 155th street, Monday morning, May 11, 1925, with an unusually large attendance of its membership. This organization, which is the supreme body of Scottish Rite Masons for the Northern States is composed of many of the leading men of the colored race.

The roster of its elective officers as follows: Sumner A. Furniss (33), Most Puisant Sovereign Grand Commander, Indianapolis, Indiana; George Wilder Crawford, (33), Puissant Grant Lieut-enant Commander, New Haven, Conn. Robert C. Barnes, (33), Grand Minister of State: Detroit, Michigan; William A. Heathman, (33), Grand Treasurer General, H. E., Providence, Rhode Island; Joseph J. Lee, (33), Grand Secretary General, H. E., Columbus, Ohio; R. W. J. Jeffrey, (33), Recording Secretary General, H. E., Detroit, Michigan; Howard D. Gould, (33), Grand Keeper of the Archives, Philadelphia, Pa.; Chas. E. Gordon, (33), Grand Master of Ceremonies, Cleveland, Ohio; Lewis M. Terrill, (33), Grand Marshal, St. Paul, Minnesota; Robert S. Taylor, (33), Grand Captain of Guard, Davenport, Iowa; Joseph W. Moore, (33), Grand Seneschal, Chicago, Ill.

There were present as visitors and representatives of the Southern Supreme Council the following officers: Roberon L. Pendleton, Sovereign Grand Com. S. J. Washington, James T. Beason, Secretary General, Washington, Joseph P. Evans, Treasurer General, Baltimore. These officers were accompanied by several other of the Southern Jurisdiction. Bishop J. Albert Johnson was present to see his son, Roland R. Johnson, elevated the 33rd, degree. Also from the Southern Jurisdiction were Ill. Halbert, James Spurgeon, J. A. Jackson.

A special memorial service preceding the opening of the Supreme Council was held at Salem M. E. Church, when Rev. Chas. D. Martin (32) a member of King David Consistory, preached a special sermon to the Scottish Rite Masons.

The regular session convened Monday, May 11, when Dr. Furniss, Sovereign Grand Commander, delivered his annual allocution. Dr. Furniss said in part: The migration of thousand of our people from the South to the North during the war period and the years immediately following was not surprising to those of us who realized how obnoxious conditions have been for our people in the South. The denial of their political and civil rights, lack of schools in which to educate their children, Jim Crow Car laws and the injustices of every character heaped upon them had made life South of the Mason and Dixon line intolerable to the thinking Black man who was desirous of having a man's chance.

The opening of industrial opportunities for him in the North furnished the means to permit him to come to the North, where conditions were more favorable and they came in large numbers. The surprise has been to all of us that this migration has continued; that these newcomers have adjusted themselves so easily and successfully to their new surroundings; that handicaps in the way of urban life, new surroundings, climatic differences, new problems and conditions everywhere have proven such a slight handicap. We must admit that these migrants have brought to us a new spirit of racial solidarity, which had been fostered in their old home, but the racial prejudice with which they were surrounded. They are rapidly becoming absorbed into our churches, our fraternities and our communinty life and their spirit has been helpful to all of us.

A race situated as ours has been, needs more than any other, to develop educated leadership in every avenue of life. Ignorance can be permitted no longer to predominate in our racial life if we expect to take the place we should take in the present day civilization that surrounds us.

Dr. Furniss said of the untimely death of Grand Master David A. Parker (33) who was also deputy of Scottish Rite Masons.

"The death of Ill. David Parker, Deputy for New York, which occurred on the 14th of last month, came to us as a distinct shock. Being one of your youngest deputies, he was placed at the head of one of our most important jurisdiction. During his two years of service and in preparation for the entertainment of the Supreme Council at this session, he demonstrated the wisdom of his selection to the position he occupied and as sure it did most of the members of this Council. He fought a good fight; he kept the Faith. We are sure that our Great Jehovah has taken him home to the reward that comes to every good and faithful servant. Let us not be forgetful of what these men have done for us.

A largely attended and especially interesting session of the Supreme Council was held Monday night, when the following thirty-second degree Masons were elevated to the 33rd degree: Isaiah Wade Butler, Cleveland, Ohio; William Arthur Johnson, Wilkes Barre, Pa. Isaiah Godfrey Wilson, Arthur Alfonse Schomburg, Harry J. White, Roland Rufus Johnson, Harry Knight, Charles Henry Vann, all of New York City; Louis Gilmore Raglin, Troy, Ohio; Ernest D. Cooke, Boston, Mass.

At the conclusion of the session Monday night, a show and stag was given complimentary to the Supreme Council at the Elks Rest by Medina Temple which is the local body of Colored Shriners.

Following the recommendation of Dr. Furniss, the Supreme Council established several scholarships to be awarded to deserving girls and boys in the Northern Jurisdiction. These scholarships will be administered by a special committee appointed for that purpose. The conclusion of the sessions of the Supreme Council Tuesday evening, was followed by a formal banquet at the Manhattan Casino, tendered the Supreme Council by the King David Consistory.

PRINCE HALL SECT DECLARED LEGITIMATE

San Francisco, April 2.—From the National Trestle Board comes the statement that clandestinism is not found alone among white Masons, but among colored Masons as well. The article follows:

"It is not alone in the Masonry of the white race that clandestinism shows its ugly head. The colored brothers also have their troubles. It is understood of course, that while no branch of Negro Masonry is recognized by governing bodies of the United States, this is because of the peculiar American doctrine of "exclusive" jurisdiction, which prevents more than one body within the same territorial limits. Racial and social questions also play their parts in the existing division. But considered from the standpoint of unprejudiced history, most informed white Masons are willing to admit that the so-called Prince Hall Masons have a clear case of legitimacy. In many of the jurisdictions, though, recognition is not given, a really friendly feeling exists. Again and again, colored Masons holding official position in their own bodies, have asked the authorities of white grand lodges for advice as to methods of procedure. And always such help has been given willingly. It is recognized that the colored people are entitled to keep up their own organization and that the beneficial influence of the fraternity should be available to them.

"While under the circumstances, the Grand Lodge of California and the white Masons of this jurisdiction can not recognize any Negro body, yet these who are conversant with the situation, have a very friendly feeling and regard for the Prince Hall Negro Masons. They will be glad that these are able to cope with such a peculiarity despicable clandestinism. For when any man or set of men, be they white or colored, seek to use Masonry to make profit, and by fraudulent means, as is the evident intention in this case, they will meet condemnation from all concerned for the good name of the fraternity."

On the 23rd of October, 1924, the fraternity of white F. and A. Masons as is shown above, vindicated its alleged regard for justice and equity. For more than a hundred and forty years it had denied and tried to besmear, as clandestine, and suppress the fraternity of Prince Hall Masons.

On the above mentioned date the National Bulletin, its official organ reversed the hitherto administrative policy of its trestle board, wrote its acknowledgement of the genuineness and legality of the Masons of the fraternity of Prince Hall Masonry and at the same time from it published its high regard for and interest in individual Prince Hall Masons.

This fraternity controls in an unknowable measure the industries of the country, the new relation, established by it, between the individuals of both fraternities and will be of unestimable industrial value to all Prince Hall Masons.

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NEGRO MASONS FOUND ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

Grand Commander Furniss Cites Great Strides in Education Made by His Race

Acting on the recommendation of Dr. Sumner A. Furniss, Most Puissant Grand Commander, in his annual address to thirty-third degree Negro Masons, the United Supreme Council of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, voted to give an annual scholarship to a worthy Negro boy or girl in some institution of higher education. It is said to be the first time a Negro fraternal body has ever offered a scholarship.

The forty-fourth annual session of the United Supreme Council, which came to a close yesterday, was the most successful in history.

"In every line of activity there exists more and more the need of educated trained workers," said Dr. Furniss. "Our race has made considerable progress along educational lines. Our illiteracy has been reduced to a remarkable degree and increasingly large numbers of our race are going in for higher education."

Open Scottish Rite Session in New York

Masons From All Over the Country Attending Five-Day Convention.

NEW YORK, May 14.—Negro Masons from various states are attending the forty-fourth annual session of the United States Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors, General of the Scottish Rite Northern Masonic Jurisdiction which convened Sunday in Prince Hall Temple, 280 West 135th street. The convention will last for five days.

WHITES LOSE HARD BATTLE ON SHRINERS

Plan to Outlaw Texas Order Is Checked

Austin, Texas, Nov. 6.—The supreme court of Texas granted a writ of error on Oct. 29 in the case of the white Shriners against the Texas order of Shriners, composed of Race members of the Masonic order, the latter. This case was originally tried in Houston in the district court of Harris county [illegible], 1923, and later taken on an appeal to the civil court of appeals at Galveston. This court decided against Race Shriners in an opinion handed down April last.

Local white Shriners secured a bill for injunction to prohibit them from using the name, wearing emblems and regalia and from holding meetings, with intent to put the order out of existence. Both national bodies became parties to the suit and it became a contest between these two bodies which will eventually settle the controversy.

Cases between the two bodies have been settled in Arkansas, where our Shriners won; in Florida, where an injunction was denied the white Shriners, and in Louisiana, where the case rests without any action being taken by either party.

James E. White and S. A. T. Watkins of Chicago, Ill., represent the national organization and Wilford H. Smith of Houston represents the local body.

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Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander Dr. Sumner A. Furniss opened the Monday morning business session with an allocution that touched upon the career and high standards of the order, the need of a cathedral, the plans for the next year and the need of better co-operation. Tuesday evening a banquet was staged at the Manhattan casino.

Among the honored guests were M. P. S. G. C. Robert L. Pendleton of the southern jurisdiction and his cabinet, James T. Beason, grand secretary; Joseph Evans, grand treasurer; John Halbert, chairman of the literary committee; James Spyrgeon and J. A. Jackson.

Dr. Walter N. Thomas of Chicago, Dr. Isaac L. Roberts of Boston, Mass.; Samuel S. Lynn of Chatham, Ont., and Charles Polk of Philadelphia, Pa., were made active members.

Receive Degree

The following 32d degree Masons were exalted to the 33d degree at a special session held Monday evening: Isaiah Wade Butler, Cleveland, Ohio; William Arthur Jackson, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Isaiah Godfrey Wilson, New York; Arthur Alfonso Schomburg, New York; Harry J. White, New York; Roland Rufus Johnson, New York; Harry Knight, New York; Charles Henry Vann, New York; Louis Gilmore Raglin, Troy, Ohio; Ernest D. Cooke, Boston, Mass.

Among those present from Chicago were: R. J. B. Ellington, deputy of Illinois; William L. Oxford, commander in chief of the western consistory, the largest consistory in the world; H. B. Cooper, Andras Barbero, Howell J. Holmes, Dr. Walter N. Thomas, Robert I. Hodge, Allen H. Brantley and Joseph W. Moore.

HIGH MASONIC POTENTATES HERE

Supreme Masonic Council to Award Scholarships to Deserving Students

Officers in Attendance From All Over Northern Jurisdiction — Entertained by Shriners.

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The principal business of the first day, after the executive session and routine business, was the allocution of the Sovereign Grand Commander, Dr. Sumner A. Furniss, of Indianapolis, Ind. The annual address of this officer, besides dealing with the conduct of his office for the Masonic year, made a strong appeal for an organized effort to increase interest in education among the Negro youth of the northern states. Dr. Furniss pointed out that the continuous migration to the northern states of large numbers of colored people has brought some new and difficult problems, and with them a corresponding obligation on the part of Negroes already residing here to co-operate in all movements designed to readjust these people to the modes of northern life. He also recommended that the Supreme Council establish a suitable number of scholarships for deserving young Negro men and women who live within its jurisdiction. The recommendation was passed by acclamation.

The most important item of business to be disposed of at the meeting was the contemplated action looking towards the erection of a handsome cathedral in Philadelphia, where a site has already been purchased.

The Supreme Council was entertained at a smoker Monday night by the local colored Shriners, and ended its sessions with a formal banquet last night.

The principal officers in attendance at this session are Dr. Sumner A. Furniss, of Indianapolis, Ind., Sovereign Grand Commander; George W. Crawford, of New Haven, Conn., Lieutenant Grand Commander; Robert C. Barnes, of Detroit, Mich., Minister of State, William A. Heathman, of Providence, R. I., Treasurer-General, and Joseph J. Lee, of Columbus, Ohio Secretary-General.

List of officers, deputies, active emeritus and honorary members at the 44th annual session of the Supreme Council, New York City:

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Ill. Sumner A. Furniss, 33D Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Com., 401 North Senate avenue Indianapolis, Ind.; Ill. George W. Crawford, 33D, Puissant Grand Lieutenant Com., 42 Church street New Haven, Conn.; Ill. Robert C Barnes, 33D, Illustrious Grand Minister of State, 911 Gratiot avenue Detroit, Mich.; Ill. William A Heathman, 33D, Grand Treasurer General, H. E., 19 College street Providence, R. I.; Ill. Joseph J Lee, 33D, Grand Secretary-General, H. E., 1423 Granville street, Columbus, Ohio; Ill. R. W. J. Jeffrey, 33D Recording Secretary-General, H. E. 1457 Lafayette avenue, Detroit Mich.; Ill. Howard D. Gould, 33D Grand Keeper of the Archives, 1108 Rodman street, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ill. Charles E. Gordon, 33D, Grand Master of Ceremonies, 2228 East 80th street, Cleveland, Ohio; Ill. Lewis M. Terrill, 33D, Grand Marshall, 662 W. Central aveune, St. Paul, Minn.; Ill. Robert S. Taylor, 33D, Grand Standard Bearer, 1419½ Harrison street, Davenport, Ia.; Ill. Joseph W. Moore, 33D, Grand Seneschal, 3804 Grand boulevard, Apartment 1, Chicago, Ill.

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Give Monster Banquet

Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander Dr. Sumner A. Furniss opened the Monday morning business session with an allocution that touched upon the career and high standards of the order, the need of a cathedral, the plans for the next year and the need of better co-operation. Tuesday evening a banquet was staged at the Manhattan casino.

Among the honored guests were M. P. S. G. C. Robert L. Pendleton of the southern jurisdiction and his cabinet, James T. Beason, grand secretary; Joseph Evans, grand treasurer; John Halbert, chairman of the literary committee; James Spyrgeon and J. A. Jackson.

Dr. Walter N. Thomas of Chicago, Dr. Isaac L. Roberts of Boston, Mass.; Samuel S. Lynn of Chatham, Ont., and Charles Polk of Philadelphia, Pa., were made active members.

Receive Degree

The following 32d degree Masons were exalted to the 33d degree at a special session held Monday evening: Isaiah Wade Butler, Cleveland, Ohio; William Arthur Jackson, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Isaiah Godfrey Wilson, New York; Arthur Alfonso Schomburg, New York; Harry J. White, New York; Roland Rufus Johnson, New York; Harry Knight, New York; Charles Henry Vann, New York; Louis Gilmore Raglin, Troy, Ohio; Ernest D. Cooke, Boston, Mass.

Among those present from Chicago were: R. J. B. Ellington, deputy of Illinois; William L. Oxford, commander in chief of the western consistory, the largest consistory in the world; H. B. Cooper, Andras Barbero, Howell J. Holmes, Dr. Walter N. Thomas, Robert I. Hodge, Allen H. Brantley and Joseph W. Moore.

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Supreme Masonic Council to Award Scholarships to Deserving Students

ficers in Attendance From All Over Northern Jurisdiction — Entertained by Shriners.

The United Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry (Prince Hall Affiliation) of the Northern Jurisdiction, U. S. A., opened its Forty-fourth Annual Session at Prince Hall Masonic Temple, 280 West 155th street, this city, Monday morning, with an unusually large attendance of its membership. This organization, which is the Supreme Body of Colored Scottish Rite Masons, is composed of 33rd degree Masons only, and numbers in its membership many of the leading men of the colored race.

The principal business of the first day, after the executive session and routine business, was the allocution of the Sovereign Grand Commander, Dr. Sumner A. Furniss, of Indianapolis, Ind. The annual address of this officer, besides dealing with the conduct of his office for the Masonic year, made a strong appeal for an organized effort to increase interest in education among the Negro youth of the northern states. Dr. Furniss pointed out that the continuous migration to the northern states of large numbers of colored people has brought some new and difficult problems, and with them a corresponding obligation on the part of Negroes already residing here to co-operate in all movements designed to readjust these people to the modes of northern life. He also recommended that the Supreme Council establish a suitable number of scholarships for deserving young Negro men and women who live within its jurisdiction. The recommendation was passed by acclamation.

The most important item of business to be disposed of at the meeting was the contemplated action looking towards the erection of a handsome cathedral in Philadelphia, where a site has already been purchased.

The Supreme Council was entertained at a smoker Monday night by the local colored Shriners, and ended its sessions with a formal banquet last night.

The principal officers in attendance at this session are Dr. Sumner A. Furniss, of Indianapolis, Ind., Sovereign Grand Commander; George W. Crawford, of New Haven, Conn., Lieutenant Grand Commander; Robert C. Barnes, of Detroit, Mich., Minister of State. William A. Heathman, of Providence, R. I., Treasurer-General, and Joseph J. Lee, of Columbus, Ohio Secretary-General.

List of officers, deputies, active emeritus and honorary members at the 44th annual session of the Supreme Council, New York City:

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Ill. Sumner A. Furniss, 33D Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Com., 401 North Senate avenue Indianapolis, Ind.; Ill. George W. Crawford, 33D. Puissant Grand Lieutenant Com., 42 Church street New Haven, Conn.; Ill. Robert C Barnes, 33D. Illustrious Grand Minister of State, 911 Gratiot avenue Detroit, Mich.; Ill. William A Heathman, 33D. Grand Treasurer General, H. E., 19 College street Providence, R. I.; Ill. Joseph J Lee, 33D. Grand Secretary-General H. E., 1423 Granville street, Columbus, Ohio; Ill. R. W. J. Jeffrey, 33D Recording Secretary-General, H. E. 1457 Lafayette avenue, Detroit Mich.; Ill. Howard D. Gould, 33D Grand Keeper of the Archives, 1108 Rodman street, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ill. Charles E. Gordon, 33D, Grand Master of Ceremonies, 2228 East 80th street, Cleveland, Ohio; Ill. Lewis M. Terrill, 33D, Grand Marshall, 662 W. Central aveune, St. Paul, Minn.; Ill. Robert S. Taylor, 33D, Grand Standard Bearer, 1419½ Harrison street, Davenport, Ia.; Ill. Joseph W. Moore, 33D, Grand Seneschal, 3804 Grand boulevard, Apartment 1, Chicago, Ill.

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Active

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Honorary

Ill. Wm. L. Oxford, 33D, 440 East 55th St., Chicago, Ill.; Ill. Major R. Poole, 33D, 138 West 139th St., New York City.

Emeritus

Ill. Goodrich Giles, 33D, Piqua, O.; Ill. F. Jones, 33D, 76 North Garfield Ave., Columbus, Ohio; Ill. James Chas. H. Polk, 33D, 230 Quince St. Philadelphia, Pa.; Ill. Joseph J Williams, 33D, 150 Hampshire St. 131st St., Cleveland; Ill. Ferdinand Buffalo, N. Y.; L. Gaings, 33D, 650 Locust St.; Ill. H. B. Allen, 33D. Indiana Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Ill. Thomas W. Collins, 2907 Washington, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ill J. R. B. Whitney, 33D, 3161 Albany Crescent, New York City; Ill. Princess, R. I.; Ill. Andras Babero, 33D. 444 Bowen Providence, R. I.; Ill. Andras Babero, 33D. 444 Bowen St., So. Chatham, Ont., Can.; Ill Clarence W. Baxter, 33D, 2061 Higland Pl., Indianapolis, Ind.; Ill. Joseph Washington Moore, 33D, 3804 Grand Boulevard Chicago, Ill.; Ill. Major R. Poole, 33D, 138 West 139th St., New York City.

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The following members from the Southern Jurisdiction of the Supreme Council were present at the opening session:

Robert L. Pendleton, Most Puissant Southern Grand Master; James T. Beason, Sec.; Joe. Evans Treas.; Ill. Halbert, Chairman of Lib. Com.; James Spurgen, J. A. Jackson.

The Supreme Council on Monday night made active members the following illustrious sirs: Isaac Lincoln Roberts of Boston, Mass.; Samuel S. Lynn of Chatham, Ont.; Charles Polk, Philadelphia, Pa.; N. Walter N. Thomas, Chicago, Ill.

There were ten elevated to the Honorary 33d Degree as follows: Isaiah W. Butler, Cleveland, O.; William Arthur Johnson, Wilkes Barre, Pa.; Isaac Godfrey Wilson New York; Arthur Alfonzo Schonburg, New York; Harry John White, New York; Roland Rufus Johnson, New York; Harry Knight, New York; Charles H. Vann, New York; Louis Gilmore Ragland, Troy, O.; Ernest D. Cooke, Boston, Mass

Dr. Sumner A. Furniss

Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander, United Supreme Council of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Free Masons (Prince Hall Affiliation)

Negro Masons Found Scholarship

New York, May 28—Acting on the recommendation of Dr. Sumner A. Furniss, Most Puissant Grand Commander, in his annual address to the thirty-third degree Negro Masons, the United Supreme Council of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, voted to give an annual scholarship to a worthy Negro boy or girl in some institution of higher education. It is said to be the first time a Negro fraternal body has ever offered a scholarship.

The forty-fourth annual session of the United Supreme Council, which came to a close yesterday, was the most successful in history.

"In every line of activity there exists more and more the need of educated trained workers," said Dr. Furniss. "Our race has made considerable proress along educational lines. Our illiteracy has been reduced to a remarkable degree and increasingly large numbers of our race are going in for higher education."

Shriners Lose Appeal

Houston, Texas.—A prominent injunction restraining colored Shriners from using the Shrine rites, emblems and insignia was upheld in the Court of Appeals last

The case will go to the Supreme Court

TEXAS MASONS HOLD GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Mosque Costing Thousands of Dollars Dedicated

Fort Worth, Texas, June 20.—The outstanding features of the Masonic Grand Lodge which is in session here this week have been the dedication of the new Masonic Mosque, which is said to be the largest and most spacious of its kind owned and used by the race in America, and the election to the position of Grand Master of Prof. A. Kirk of Wacco to succeed H. D. Winn for many years. Grand Master who died several months ago.

All four of the Masonic bodies have space in the new Mosque and all of the meetings are being carried on simultaneously. The Masons are holding their meetings in the east wing of the building, while the Heroines of Jericho are in the South wing, the Eastern Stars in the West and the Royal Arch Masons in the South.

Building Ornate and Spacious

The Mosque construction of red brick and its trimmings are of white the roof is a vivid green. It is constructed in the shape of a Maltese cross and the four wings converge into a central space which will seat more than a thousand people. It was in this space that the dedicatory services were held on Monday afternoon when more than three thousand persons gathered for the exercises.

The East wing of the building is decorated in blue; the West wing in red and the South and North in white beautifully panelled walls. The North wing has been so fitted up that it can be used as a theatre. It contains a well appointed stage with wings and drops.

The official dedication was composed mainly of the regular ritualistic service of the Masons. In this, Miss Sue Brown, International Grand Matron spoke in commendation of the work of the Texas Jurisdiction.

All of the Grand Officers of all of the Masonic bodies were present at the ceremony and took active part in it.

Delegation Largest in History

The delegation this year is larger than ever before in the whole of the history of Masonry in Texas for the reason that this is the first time that all of the bodies have met together. The meeting of the Royal Arch Masons at this time is the largest addition to the delegation and its meeting at this time is the result of the adoption of the constitution of last year. It is estimated that more than fifteen hundred delegates and visitors are in the city in attendance at these meetings.

Masons Hear Reports and Elect Officers Tuesday

Before a crepe draped altar, so arranged in honor of H. D. Winn, all of the representatives of the 525 Blue Lodges gathered and opened the Occasional Grand Lodge with Grand Master A. J. Kirk, presiding. Later in the afternoon, after the opening had been completed and the committees on Credentials and rules appointed with Secretary McDonald and Wm. Coleman as chairman assisted by Louis Lyons, J. T. Maxey, T. S. Maddox and others a short recess was called and the delegates allowed to refresh themselves. Following the reconvening of the assembly, the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Master were heard.

The address of Grand Master Kirk was short but to the point. He paid a high tribute to deceased Grand Master Winn and spoke of the increased amount of collections which had followed the institution of the ten dollar relief tax. All of this increase he said was due to the foresight of Grand Master Winn and he expressed the regret that he had not lived to see the result of his planning.

Secret Societies - 1925

Supreme Circle of Benevolence

Supreme Circle Holds 27th Annual Session

Thomasville, Ga., Oct. 2.—The Supreme Circle of Benevolence, of which Joseph H. Watson is head, opened its annual Grand Lodge session here Wednesday night at the First Baptist Church, of which Rev. J. H. Brown is pastor. The opening exercises were very impressive, all of the participants well acquitting themselves.

Thursday morning the Grand Lodge went into executive sessions. After the appointment of committees, the reports of the officers were heard. All reports showed the order in a healthy condition, having assets far in excess of its liabilities. The report of the Ruler of the Juvenile Department showed that the children were doing a fine piece of work.

Many representatives were present from Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Pennsylvania and Carolinas. This is one of the strongest fraternal orders operated by people of color, and its personnel embraces men and women from the highest to the most humble walks of life.

The meeeting was inspirational, showed marked progress of the order and the race, and was characterized by complete harmony.

All of the officers were re-elected. Jacksonville, Florida, was chosen as the seat of the meeting in 1926. The meeting adjourned Friday night.

Much credit for the success of the order is due to Hon. Joseph H. Watson, its efficient head, who has guided the order since 1911, and through whose genius the order has rised from bankruptcy and amassed assets worth nearly a quarter of a million dollars. The Supreme Circle Temple at Albany, a spacious three-story brick building, is one of the most imposing structures owned by the race. The order has other valuable property holdings, among which is a three-story building in Jacksonville.

The order is destined to become much greater, and be a more potent factor in race uplift.

Atlanta Independent
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Secret Societies – 1925

Supreme Club of the Knights of Honor of America.

DR. BRYANT GUEST OF KNIGHTS OF HONOR CLUB

Birmingham Reporter 1925 Birmingham Ala.

The Supreme Club of the Knights of Honor of America met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Mabry, 209 Eighth avenue, Sunday afternoon, October 18.

Sir William Webb, the president, called the meeting to order and stated the object.

The following officers were elected: Sir William Webb, president; Lady C. H. Hudson, vice president; Lady Laura Doggett, secretary; Aaron Guice, assistant secretary; and Sir R. H. Mabry, treasurer.

The club had as its guest Dr. Geo. C. Bryant, of Mobodaux, La., who is the supreme dictator and protector of the Knights of Honor of America of the Western Continent.

The club was delighted with Dr. Bryant as its guest and the members of the order are doing all they can to make his stay a pleasant one.

Dr. Bryant addressed the club and said many good things to inspire the members.

Mr. J. O. Diffay spoke to the club on team work, and said that was what it would take to build the Knights of Honor of America in this state.

Prof. C. T. Mabry also spoke to the club on "Love," which was very interesting. The hostess served cream, cake and hot chocolate.

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Supreme Royal Circle of Friends of the World.

Royal Circle of Friends to Operate in the East

New York Herald
6-20-25
New York, N.Y.

Dr. C. E. Sencer supreme supervisor of Eastern States for the Supreme Royal Circle of Friends of the World who has been here for the past two weeks in the interest of his organization reports much success in his initial efforts to get the order started in New York. The Supreme Royal Circle is well known in the West and Southwest where it was organized fifteen years ago. In the City of Chicago where the order has 83 lodges and more than 8,000 members, it is known as one of the wealthiest and strongest fraternal benevolent organizations of the race in the country. Dr. L. K. Williams of Chicago, noted pastor of the Olivet Baptist Church, gives the order an unqualified endorsement as well as a personal endorsement of the Royal Circle president, Dr. R. A. Williams, also of Chicago. The noted reverend says, "It is my profound and sincere belief that parties joining this order cannot sustain any loss but on the other hand will be providing themselves with a form of needed and substantial support."

Dr. E. C. Morris, president of the National Baptist Convention also endorses the order in high terms. The Royal Circle is a secret order whose primary object is sick, accident and death insurance. In the West it is highly thought of and is backed by some of the wealthiest people of the race in the country. It is the intention of Dr. Spencer to set up one of two lodges in Greater New York and then to branch out throughout the East. At the last convention of the Circle held in St. Louis, more than 3,000 delegates were present and it was shown that the order was in a very prosperous condition.

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United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten.

New York Age

2-12-25

According to the Dallas *Express*, the new insurance law of Texas affects vitally the insurance companies and fraternal organizations operated by Negroes. It said:

Announcement has been made by the Grand Secretary of the U. B. F. that it had taken over one of the smaller fraternities of the state at the suggestion of the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance. All of the members of the smaller fraternity will automatically become members of the larger and in taking the oaths and obligations will share in the more efficient protection which such a transfer guarantees to them.

New York Age

When one considers the tremendous amount of money which has been lost to the masses of our people through the failure of smaller fraternities of which there have been and still ae a large number, he is almost forced to thank the wisdom of those law-makers who made regular inspection of the concerns which belong to the people,a necessity. And there should also be more thankfulness for the fact that there is now in ffice to an extent that he will make his office to the extent that he will make suggestions which will result in the savings of the moneys paid in by those who join the smaller orders which in more than a few cases are doomed to failure by reason of the lack of administrative knowledge of those who direct them.

Any legislation that will safeguard the interests of those who put their savings into beneficial organization should have a beneficial effect. Losses through inexperience and mismanagement should be prevented by proper precautions.

Secret Societies - 1925

Woodmen of Union.

THE WOODMEN OF UNION

The Woodmen of Union, a fraternal organization which does a fraternal business, comes into Georgia to do business among the colored people of the state. Insurance is one of the principal businesses; not only among our people, but among the people of America. There is no industry or vocation in which more capital is invested, than insurance. The Woodmen of Union is a corporation under the laws of Arkansas, with headquarters at Hot Springs. It is one of the best known, and safest organizations among Negroes. Dr. E. A. Kendall, the Supreme President, and Hon. John L. Webb, Supreme Custodian, are the directing geniuses of the institution.

The Georgia division will be under the supervision of Prof. W. A. Bell, he having been appointed Supervisor of the State by the President of the corporation. Mr. Bell is too well known in Georgia to need any introduction. He is a graduate from Payne College, Augusta, Georgia, where he held the chair of Latin and Greek for a number of years. He resigned his place at the college to go into the Y. M. C. A. work during the war. Coming out of the war, he has been engaged in business ever since. He has refused several lucrative places as principal of leading schools, in order to devote himself to business. And the Woodmen of Union could have made no wiser selection, than the choosing of Prof. Bell.

Atlanta and Georgia are always glad to welcome men and business to Georgia. It takes people and business to make a great state, and Negroes being a factor in the development of our state, we are pleased to have men of vision, who have succeeded on the outside of our state, to move to Georgia, and establish business here, and assist in the developing of our wonderful resources.

The Woodmen of Union is an order built after the spirit of Masons, Odd Fellows, and Pythians, carrying an insurance policy ranging from one hundred to five hundred dollars, and providing a burial benefit. The organization enters the state upon the adequate rate plan, the same rate of premium is charged according to age and hazard that is charged by the Old Line Legal Reserve Insurance Companies. While the concern is a fraternal organization it is doing business upon the principle and policy of the Old Line Legal Reserve Insurance Company.

The Independent welcomes the concern, and congratulates both the organization and the state for its entrance into Georgia. The corporation has met the requirements of the state at the capitol with our Insurance Department, and is duly authorized to do business in Georgia. Prof. W. A. Bell, 125½ Auburn Avenue, is State Supervisor. The Independent is personally acquainted with Hon. John L. Webb, and knows that he is one of the safest and most consecrated business men of color in the country, and in the state where he lives, or wherever he is known, he is held in high personal regard for his integrity and vision. He is an alumnus of the Tuskegee Institute, graduating from that famous institution during the life of the illustrious Booker T. Washington. We welcome The Woodmen of Union to Georgia.

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School Fraternities.

KAPPA ALPHAS INVADE FAR SOUTH

(A. N. P.)

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 14—The first Negro Greek Letter fraternity to invade the far south is the Kappa Alpha Psi, a graduate chapter of which was organized in this city last night. Dr. E. N. Holmes, prominent physician of Atlanta, Georgia, and Polemarch of the Atlanta Alumni Chapter, accompanied by Dr. [illegible] also of the Atlanta Alumni chapter, motored down to this city to set up the chapter.

The move to organize this chapter has been on for several months, and its successful termination was due to the untiring efforts of two graduate members of the organization, Deaver P. Young of Edward Waters college, and Lemuel D. Bolton, editor of the Florida Sentinel. The group of men initiated into the mysteries of the Greek World comprises some of the leading college men of Jacksonville and of Florida. They are: Prof. John C. Wright, vice president of Daytona Cookman Institute, Dr. S. S. Campbell medical examiner for public schools Dr. I. A. White, Dr. L. H. Myers, Jr., Prof. Thomas R. Reid, and Mr. Oliver Dukes of the National Benefit Life Insurance Company.

URTH ANNUAL MEET MEDICAL FRATERNITY CLOSES IN NEW YORK

The fourth annual convention of he Chi Delta Mu Fraternity met i New York City from April 14 to Apri 16, at Madame Walker's Studio. Del gates from the fourteen chapters were present and discussed plans for the future welfare of the organization. The progress of this organization has been slow [illegible] organized at Howard Medical School in 1913 by Dr. [illegible] C. Terry, Assistant Professor of Medicine at Howard Medical School, Washington, D. C., and Dr. Charles Humbert, Pathologis the Veterans Hospital, Tuskegee, abama. At present Chapters are cated in the following cities: Washington, Kansas City, St. Louis, Newark, Boston, Nashville, New York, Roanoke, Va., Baltimore and Chicago. Some of the most prominent medical men are members of this organization.

The purpose of the Fraternity is to unite men of the medical professions of medicine, dentistry and pharmacy into a closer relationship so that the highest degree of efficiency and scientific ability might be developed.

The convention was opened by the retiring Grand President, Dr. Leroy Baxter of Newark, New Jersey. Dr. Baxter made a stirring speech in which he admonished the men to uphold the lofty ideals of the organization. The most important issue of the convention was the discussion of a provision for hospital appointments for future medical graduates. A committee was appointed to make recommendations to the Grand Chapter in order that the hundreds of yearly medical graduates might secure interneships in various class A hospitals. The various delegates all gave reports of progress from their respective Chapters.

The only entertainment was a Smoker given in Newark by the members of the Delta Chapter. This was given Thursday evening at the Cotton Building. Tables were set and delicacies prepared by Newark's most celebrated culinary artist. The feature of the evening was a vocal solo by Dr. (Bubber) Parks, accompanied by Dr. (Bull) Terry. At an early hour in the morning the Chi song was sung with enthusiasm and expression.

The officers of the Grad Chapter for the ensuing year are as follows: Grand President, Dr. E. C. Terry, Lambda; Grand Vice President, Dr. F. M. Hopkins, Nu; Grand Secretary, Dr. W. H. A. Barrett, Gamma; Grand Treasurer, Dr. W. C. McNeil, Lambda; Grand Chaplain, Dr. E. Brock, Delta; Grand Sergeant-at-arms, Dr. T. E. Jones, Lambda; Grand Organizer, Dr. J. L. Baxter, Delta; Grand Editor in Chief of the Dragon, Dr. B. P. Hurst, Lambda; Grand Business Manager of the Dragon, Dr. W. C. Mceill, Lambda; Grand Auditor, Dr. S. L. Cook, Lambda.

Before the closing of the convention the president spoke at length on the growth of the Dragon, the official organ of the Fraternity. This periodical is editored by Dr. B. P. Hurst of Washington, D. C., and Pathologist to Freedmen's Hospital. The new elected officers rendered speeches and pledged themselves to support all the movements of the organization. After a heated debate between the delegates from St. Louis and Philadelphia, the meeting place for next year was selected to be in Philadelphia during Easter week.

Dr. W. H. A. Barrett represented the local Gamma Chapter at the convention.

Dr. Curtis and Alonzo F. Herndon Honored By The Alpha Phi Alpha Frat.

Dr. A. M. Curtis, a prominent physician and surgeon of Washington, D. C., and Alonzo F. Herndon, prominent business man of Atlanta, Ga., were made honorary members of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity at their annual convention here last week. Both men journeyed from their homes for the initiatory ceremonies, which in the case of Mr Herndon necessitated a journey of 1500 miles.

The following are the officers elected for 1925: Raymond W. Cannon, national president; James W. McGregor, western vice president; Norman L. McGhee national secretary; Dr. Homer Cooper national treasurer; and Oscar C. Brown editor of the official organ, all reelected to their several offices. Dr. P. F. Anderson, president of Eta Chapter, New York City, was elected as eastern vice president; and Charles W. Greene of Atlanta, Ga., was elected to the newly established position of southern vice president; and James A. Scott of St. Louis, Mo., elected mid-western vice president.

At the closing session of the convention six more graduate and under-graduate chapters were authorized and resolutions were passed approving the work of the N. A. A. C. P., the National Urban League, the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., and the Federal Council of Churches.

Savannahian Heads Law Fraternity

Washington, D. C., July 22—This promises to be a banner year for Tau Delta Sigma Fraternity, the only Negro legal fraternity in the United States, under the aggressive and astute leaderhsip of Chief Justice John J. Seabrook, Jr.

Mr. Seabrook succeeds Attorney S. A. Calhoun, a stirring figure in the political and business activities of West Virginia, and at present legal advisor of the West Virginia, Kentucky [illegible] Association of I. B. P. O. E. of W., Va.

The office of Chief Justice of Tau with perplexing responsibilities and it is reassuring to see young Seabrook at the helm.

Mr. Seabrook is a native son of Savannah and his comet-like rise within the past few years is indeed encouraging. He was a member of the first graduating class of the Cuyler Street school of Savannah, after which he completed his academic training in Claflin University, Orangeburg, S. C. His activities as State Y. M. C. A. Secretary in the colleges of South Carolina in 1922-23; President of the Claflin University Y. M. C. A. for two years; delegate to the International Welfare Convention at Des Moines in 1920 and twice delegate to Kings Mountain Y. M. C. A. Conference have ended to endow him with a wide and varied experience applicable to matters pertaining to his present position.

Ther was no abatement in his brilliant career on entering Howard University School of Law where he is now in his senior year. Last year found him president of the Middle Law Class.

Tau Delta Sigma Fraternity is incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia with headquaretrs at 913 Rhode Island Avenue. The offices are housed in a modern, four story building; the location is ideal, being in the heart of the elite residential section of Northwest Washington.

The organization in itself, is one of serious magnitude and the responisbilities incident to the executive office demand untiring and tactful ability. Noteworthy of the calm judgment and sedate composure that he possesses, Mr. Seabrook is not only discharging the current obligations efficiently and thoroughly, but has elicited quite a display of surprised admiration by launching a plan whereby the leading minds of the nation are to be brought together in Washington in November of this year for the purpose of organizing a National Negro Bar Association.

Mr. Seabrook is an intrepid and convincing speaker; he is chucked full of religious, educational, sociological and civic stamina—in other words, he is a winning fighter.

How about it Savannah—have you any more young Seabrooks?

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA ESTABLISHES NEW FUND

Four years ago Gamma Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority established a scholarship fund for girl graduates of our local high school who wished to complete their education at some college or university. In June, 1925, two $100.00 scholarships were awarded, the new one going to the ranking student of both the January and June classes. The Sorority plans to continue this practice.

And yet there is much to be done for our girls trying to obtain a higher education. Frequently the Sorority has been appealed to for aid for girls already away at school. Some times a small contribution will tide over a financial crisis and encourage the girl to go on. Whenever possible, the Sorority has met such demands by individual voluntary contributions, but this year the Sorority is establishing a definite fund that such work may be carried on on a much larger basis. The proceeds from the Carnival Dance to be gven Thursday, October 29th, at Pythian Hall, will be used to establish such a fund.

PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY TO MEET DEC. 27-31

Washington, D. C., Will Be Scene of 12th Annual Brotherly Pow-Wow

Chicago Defender

Washington, Oct. 30.—The Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, through its field secretary, A. Langston Taylor, 2001 11th St., N. W., announces the program of the 12th annual convention which will convene at the seat of the Lambda chapter, Virginia Union university, Richmond, Va., Dec. 27 to 30.

The convention will open Sunday, Dec. 27, at 3 p. m., at which time Prof. Monroe Work of Tuskegee institute will deliver the annual address. D. L. Scruggs of Buffalo, N. Y., will introduce the speaker and Prof. J. W. Woodhous of Baltimore, Md., the general president of the fraternity, will preside. All of the 40 chapters of the fraternity will be represented and more than 200 delegates and visitors will be in attendance.

Monday afternoon an educational conference will be held. This is an annual feature of the convention and this year, as last, the subject for general discussion will be on business. Attorney Arthur W. Mitchell of this city will lead the discussion. Monday night the annual itnerfraternity smoker will be given. Speakers from the several Greek letter fraternities will appear on program.

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Attorney J. Franklin Wilson and A. Langston Taylor of Washington, and Dr. C. T. Baylor and W. Russel Alden of Richmond, Va., constitute the general committee for the convention. Among the prominent delegates and visitors will be Prof. Monroe Work of Tuskegee, Ala.; Dr. C. L. Roberts of Miami, Fla.; Dr. and Mrs. I. L. Scruggs of Buffalo, N. Y.; Prof. J. W. Woodhous of Baltimore, Md.; Lawyers Diggs and Hodges, Prof. Southall and Prof. Thompson of Norfolk, Va.; Dr. E. H. Barnes and R. A. Bailey of Philadelphia, Pa.; Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Reid of Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. J. A. Williams of St. Louis and Drs. E. M. Johnson and H. S. Colum of Chicago.

PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY TO HOLD 12TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Washington Eagle

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The Phi Beta Sigma fraternity through its field secretary, A. Langston Taylor, 2001 11th St., N. W., Washington, D. C., announces its twelfth annual convention which will convene at the seat of the Lambda Chapter, Va. Union University, Richmond, Va., December 27 to 30, 1925.

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ALPHA PHIS TO DETROIT, MICH., FOR CONCLAVE

Annual Convention Will Be Greatest in History of the Fraternity

Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 13.—As a preliminary to the formation of plans for the 18th annual convention of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, to be held in Detroit, Mich., Dec. 25th to 31st, inclusive, National Convention Committee of Cleveland has secured reduced rates over all the railroads throughout the United States for delegates, members and their families who attend. This will be the first and largest convention ever held in the City of Detroit by an organization composed entirely of our college men.

Chicago Defender

According to information received from Percy R. Pipp of Detroit, chairman of the Convention Committee of the entertaining chapter, Gamma lambda, plans for the entertainment of all who attend the convention have been under way for some time, and very shortly announcement of the convention program and other arrangements will be made.

Reports from the more than 56 chapters of the Alpha Phi Alpha to National President Raymond W. Cannon of Minneapolis and other national officers indicate that the attendance at the Detroit meeting will be greater than at any for the past 18 years. At Columbus, Ohio, in 1923 some 500 attended and at New York City last year more than 600 delegates and members were present.

The Alpha Phi Alpha was organized by six college men attending Cornell university, Ithaca, N. Y., in January, 1906. From the mother chapter it has spread until it now has chapters located at every outstanding university and college in the United States attended by our students, including such schools as Harvard, Yale, Columbia and Cornell, the universities of Pennsylvania, Michigan, Pittsburgh, California, Minnesota, Illinois and Chicago, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Howard, Lincoln, Wilberforce, Virginia university, Iowa university, Ohio State university, Ohio university, Indiana university, Brown university, University of Southern California, Northwestern university, Denver university and others. The fraternity has a membership of more than 3,500, and among those holding membership are to be found the men who are leaders in the educational, economic and political affairs of the Race in this country.

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OMEGAS CLOSE 13TH CONCLAVE WITH ELECTION

Tuskegee Chosen for 1925 Meeting

Washington, Jan. 10.—The 13th annual conclave of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity closed here Wednesday, Dec. 31. Hon. George L. Vaughn of St. Louis, Mo., was elected to lead the organization, said to be the largest of its kind among our group, for the coming year and it was decided that the 14th annual conclave will be held at Tuskegee institute Dec. 27 to 31, inclusive.

Their closing dance, which was given on Tuesday night at the Lincoln Colonnade, which was beautifully decorated with lanterns and fraternity colors, is said to have surpassed all similar affairs given during the holiday season. Many out-of-town guests were at the affair, among whom were: Miss Florence McNorton, of Ohio; the Misses Wharton of Baltimore, Md.; the Misses Jones of Philadelphia, Pa.; Miss Patterson of Baltimore, Md.; Miss Helen Widgeon of Boston, Mass.; the Misses Jones Columbus, Ohio; the Misses Edith Coats, Audrey Wilson, Gertrude Curtis, Portia Ferguson, Bernice Burrell, Margaret George, Carol Carson, Edwina Simpkins, Violet Warfield, Eula Simms, Hortense Freeman, Leona Dodson, Natelia Cole, Bessie Russell, Ida Mae Hall, Dr. Dorothy Boulding Conseulo Jefferson of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mordena Wright of Boston, Mass.; Edith Pinn, Audrennie Marshall, Malissa Thomas, Grace Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moryck, Mr. and Mrs. T. Savoy, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McDuffie, Dr. E. E. Just, Frank Coleman, Miss Dicherson of Baltimore, Md.; the Misses Louise Jackson and Alice Jones of New York City; Dr. Burke, Norfolk, Va.; Dr. Lewis, Harrisburg, Pa.; Attorney Vaugn, St. Louis, Mo.; Attorney Owen, St. Louis, Mo.; Attorney Clayton of Chicago; Prof. Kildear, Petersburg, W. Va.; Prof. Sterling Brown, Lynchburg, W. Va.; Harold Thomas, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. Cadoza, Baltimore, Md.; Attorney J. Adkins, Muskogee, Okla.; Attorney Dent, Detroit, Mich.; Dr. Lawrence Jackson, Attorney W. J. Carter Jr., Harrisburg, Pa.; Prof. Taylor Greensboro, N. C.; Dr. Elliot, Tuskegee, Pa.; Prof. Gilbert, Nashville Tenn.; Messrs. Gilmer, Cobb, Hastie Carroll, all of Amherst college; Mr Peterson, Syracuse university; Mr Goodman, Lincoln university; Mr Murray, Harvard university; Mr Blue, Harvard university, Mr. St Clare, Harvard university; Mr. Long Union university; Mr. Dent, Morehouse college; Mr. Gibson, Lincoln university; H. Martin, Shaw university; Mr. McClain, Philadelphia, Pa.; Attorney J. W. Love, Dr. Newman, Harvard university; Prof. Hart, Lynchburg, W. Va.; Clarence Johnson, Wiley university.

It was through the hospitality of Dr. Robert R. Moton, head of Tuskegee, and Major Ward of the Veterans bureau that the next meeting will be at Tuskegee institute, Ala. Several requests that the 1925 conclave be held there were received from both men and read to the meeting. The decision was made on the closing day. The Iota chapter of the Omega will be host during the meeting at Tuskegee. It is composed of instructors of the school and members of the staff at the Veteran's hospital located there.

The officers elected for the coming year are: George L. Vaughn, attorney of St. Louis, Grand Basileus; J. S. McClain of Philadelphia, Vice Basileus; Walter Mozych, Washington, Grand Keeper of the Records; Daniel B. Taylor, Greensboro, N. C. Grand Keeper of Seals; John B. Garrett, Tuskegee, Grand Marshall.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Holds Its 5th Convention

The part played by the college girl in the development of the race's womanhood was the theme of a splendid talk made by Miss Eva D. Bowles, national admistrator of the Y. W. C. A., work among colored women, before the fifth annual convention of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, which closed Monday, December 29, after four days of interesting work and discussion. The convention was held at the parish hall of St. Philip's P. E. Church, 133rd street.

The keynote of the Sorority's program is "Finer Womanhood" and this more fully developed at this convention. Zeta Phi Beta plans to help in the development of all around girls, and so personal talks to girls and the encouragement of youthful movements that make for the betterment of Sorority were included in the program.

The convention was the most largerly attended in Zeta's history. Delegates and sorors came from Washington, Atlanta, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Marshall, Tex., Covington, Ky., Nashville, Ohio, Chicago, New Jersey and upper New York State. All reports showed splendid growth and development during past year.

The public meeting, at which Miss Bowles spoke, was held at the Elks' Auditorium, West 129th street, with Nellie Buchanan, national president, presiding. The Rev. Aaron J. Cuffee offered the invocation, and following the address of Miss Bowles, several other prominent women and men spoke. Attorney Hazel Mountain Walker of Ceveland, a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, brought greetings from the Boule which met in Philadelphia, and urging the young women to be exemplars in their communities. James Weldon Johnson spoke on "Service" in its larger sense.

Andrades Lindsay arranged a musical program, which presented Frank Harrison and Alexander Gatewood in vocal numbers, and the meeting closed with singing of the National Negro Anthem, words by James Weldon Johnson, music by J. Rosamond Johnson, the entire audience taking part.

During the business sessions, the work of the Ethiopian Art Theatre, Inc., of New York City, was indorsed. Zeta Day, conceived in 1922, is to be expanded into a Zeta Week, and a Mother's Banquet to be celebrated on Mothers Day, suggested by Epsilon Chapter, was adopted as a national event by Zeta sorority. It was decided to award a $100 scholarship to a high school girl, the winner to be announced at graduation in June, 1925.

Zora Neal Harsten, short story writer, a member of Zeta spoke on the Negro in drama and art, and four songs were submitted for consideration as National Sorority Song, one to be selected at next convention.

Mrs. Malone and Mrs. Bethune, associate members of Alpha Chapter, and Mrs. Napier, associate member of Lambda Chapter, were made national honorary members, the honors to be conferred at the 1925 convention, which is to be held with Gamma Chapter at Baltimore.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Nellie Buchanan, Gamma Chapter, president; Edythe Green, Eta, first vice-president; Marion Dugger, Gamma, 2nd vice-president; Dralyne Spence, Epsilon, recording secretary; Marietta Buford, Theta, corresponding secretary; Venetia Nichols, Beta, financial secretary; Lelia Jackson, Iota, treasurer; M. W. Shorter, Alpha-Zeta, marshall; Lillian R. Smith, Epsilon, editor.

Many social functions marked the stay of the sorors in New York City. On Christmas Day a breakfast party at the home of Miss Andrades Lindsay, Brooklyn, lasted through the day and was attended by more than 200 guests; on Friday night, a banquet at Craig's, West 130th street, preceded the Sigma Tau Sigma dance at the Academy of Music, Brooklyn; a theatre party and sightseeing trip the White Light District of Broadway was the Saturday night program; Sunday morning, a group joined with the Alpha Phi Alpha's in the pilgrimage to Dr. Hunton's grave, while others attended church services; the final event was the formal dance on Monday night at the Mme. Walker Studio, West 130th steet.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Boule In Philadelphia Was Notable Occasion

Philadelphia, Pa.—115 delegates from thirty-eight chapters were present at the most auspicious Boule in the history of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority held here at the colored Y. W. C. A. December 27 to 31, as guests of Mu Chapter.

The public meeting was held on Sunday, at Dunbar Theatre, a large audience being present. The welcome address was delivered by Dean Walk of Temple University on behalf of the educational institutions, Rev. Neal Lloyd Imes for citizens; and Mr. Farnet for fraternities and sororities. Artists appearing on the program here Sorors Sononia Carolin Talley of New York Doris Novel of Kansas City, Mo., and Naida Portia McCullough of Los Angeles.

The regular sesions opened on Monday. A future of the session wa the presence of Mrs. Ethel Lyles, founder of A. K. A., with the incorporators and eight of the women who were instrumental in developing the organization.

New chapters were formed during 1924 at Kansas City, Kan., Boston, Birmingham, Ala., Wilberforce, Cincinnati, and Marshall, Texas. Scholarships totalling several thousand dollars were given by various chapters during 1924, $600 being awarded in this form by one chapter.

The A. K. A., reports showed special attention being given to educational and vocational guidance of high school and college girls throughout the United States by the 38 chapters. In this session, Mrs. Elise McDougald, director of vocational guidance in New York City schools, was present and spoke on this phase of work.

The hostess chapter, Mu, provided many social features for its guests, including a pilgrimage to Independence Hall, a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Brown, a banquet by Mu Chapter, a reception by Zeta Phi Beta Chapter, a formal ball by Mu Chapter, and a breakfast dance by Kappa Alpha Psi.

On New Year's Day the national officers and delegates went to New York to attend the formal reception given by Lambda Chapter, A. K. A., of tha city, at the International House, Riverside Drive.

The Boule officers for 1925 were elected as follows: Miss Pearl Mitchell of Cleveland, national basileus (reelected); Miss Murray Atkins, supreme grammatus (reelected); Miss Anne Broadnox of Wilmington, Del., first anti-basileus; Mrs. Mary L. Holmes of Washington, second anti-basileus; Miss Mary Branch of Petersburg, Va., epistoleus; Mrs. Ethel Lyles of Philadelphia, Tamiochus; Mrs. Helen Puryear, editor in chief of The Ivy Leaf.

The 1925 Boule will be held in Washington with the mother chapters, Alpha and Xi Omega, as hostesses.

Honorary sorors added for 1924 are Maud Cuney Hare, musician, and Meta Warrick Fuller, sculptor.

Delta Sigma Theta Urges Placement of Bust of Fred Douglass in N. Y. Univ. Hall of Fame

NEW YORK CITY, Jan. 7—Unanimous endorsement of the movement urging the U. S. Civil Service Commission to substitute the use of finger-prints for photographs as the means of identifying applicants for Federal positions and the endorsement of the nomination of Frederick Douglas for elevation to the Hall of Fame of New York University that his bust may have a place among America's immortals there, were among the resolutions adopted by the 6th Annual Convention and 11th Anniversary of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority which was fittingly celebrated, December 27-31 in the world's greatest city, New York City, the site of Rho and Alpha-Beta Chapters, an undergraduate and graduate chapter respectively. Headquarters were at the Y. W. C. A., 179 W. 137th St., where more than 400 delegates, members and friends registered from as far west as California and as far south as Texas. Following are the officers elected for the coming year: President, G. Dorothy Pelham of Washington, D. C., who was unanimously re-elected; Regional Vice-President, Mrs. Vivian O. Marsh of Berkley, Cali., M. A. University of California; Secretary, Edna B. Johnson of Des Moines, Iowa; Treasurer, Mrs. Anne McCary Dingle, realtor of New York City; Journalist and Editor, THE DELTA, official organ of the Sorority, Pauline A. Young of Wilmington, Delaware, formerly of the Tuskegee Institute Press Service.

FRAT MEN GIVE GOLD WREATHS TO BOTH

St. Louis, Mo. Jan. 2.—Never before have the citizens of this city welcomed and entertained a convention more lavishly and heartily than was shown at the 14th annual gathering of the Grand Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi, a Greek letter fraternity with 35 active chapters, from Dec. 27 to Dec. 31. Every door was thrown open to the 300 delegates and their friends. Social affairs ran amuck, lasting from morning until morning.

Monday, Dec. 29, brought the following social affairs: The Omega Psi Phi fraternity entertained with a breakfast dance at Paradise hall, and the St. Louis Alumni chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi, prom was in the evening at the V. E. W. hall. Tuesday, Dec. 30, the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority danced in honor of the visitors. Wednesday, Dec. 31, the annual banquet—the best ever held—was the main event and was held at the Menelik hall. Later in the same evening the annual grand chapter ball was given at the V. E. W. hall, which lasted to the early hours of New Year's morning.

The convention opened Sunday morning, Dec. 28, with services at the St. Paul A. M. E. church. A sermon on fraternity and achievement was delivered by Bishop William T. Vernon, a member of the fraternity, which was heralded as the best piece of speaking ever heard at such a gathering. At 4 p. m. the delegates and friends filled the Poro auditorium to listen to one of the most pleasing programs ever rendered in St. Louis. The Hon. Nelson Cunliff gave a hearty welcome to the organization on behalf of the city of St. Louis. Mr. Cunliff's position as director of public welfare and his Greek letter affiliations eminently fitted him for the address. Aaron E. Malone, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, made a welcome address on behalf of the citizens of St. Louis and left immediately to entrain for the national convention of his fraternity in New York city. John Purnell, president of the local chapter of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity, made a splendid address, welcoming Kappa Alpha Psi to St. Louis on behalf of the fraternities and sororities.

President Gilbert H. Jones of Wilberforce university addressed the public session at Poro college on "Modern Education as a Solution for the Problems of the New Internationalism." President Jones was well acquainted with his subject and in his clean-cut manner brought a message which has long been looked for in these circles. Music was furnished by Miss Ruth Harris and Dr. Clement Scott. From 8 until 10 p. m. Dec. 28, all the city kept open house for the visiting men.

On Tuesday, Dec. 30, laurel wreaths were conferred upon two members who had made definite outstanding achievement in their fields of endeavor. The first wreath was awarded to Elder W. Diggs, Indianapolis, Ind., father of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, the first grand polemarch and an ex-service man, in recognition of services rendered in the conception of the idea of the college fraternity and his indomitable spirit and sacrifices which made the expansion of this organization possible. The second man was Robert S. Abbott, Chicago, Ill., editor and founder of The Chicago Defender, the World's Greatest Weekly, for advancement in journalism, who has the unique distinction of having built his paper up from obscurity to the largest weekly newspaper in the world. Attorney R. S. Bailey of Indianapolis made the presentation speech for Mr. Diggs and Attorney Earl E. Dickerson of Chicago made the speech for Mr. Abbott. The grand polemarch, W. Ellis Stewart, bestowed the medals.

Memorial services were held at noon Tuesday in honor of those members who died during the past year. Bishop Wm. T. Vernon made the principal address.

The Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity was founded by nine students of Indiana university on Jan. 5, 1911, and was the first incorporated national Greek letter organization among our college men. So many phases of the student's life were denied these men that they found themselves drawn together by their common handicap. They finally awoke to the realization that a Greek letter fraternity was the missing element which prevented their getting a full rounded college development. Thus was the Kappa Alpha Psi evolved to the fulfillment of the following missions: First, to inspire high ideals and a desire to achieve a place of usefulness and honor in both the college and subsequent life; second, to improve scholarship; third, to furnish living conditions consistent with the standards set by college men.

Furthering the primary idea of service, the Kappa Alpha Psi adopted in 1922 a national endeavor known as the Guide Right Movement, the purpose of which is to encourage more high school students to go to college and by a scientifically prepared questionnaire to help him find life work for which he has a natural bent and then assist him in the selection of the course and school. The Guide Right idea was originated in this city and the members of the past two graduating classes of the Sumner high school have been materially benefited by the program.

A report from this movement showed that more than 1,500 high school boys were interviewed during the Guide Right week, May 18 to 25, 1924.

At the Grand Chapter meeting held in Louisville, Ky., in 1923 a housing fund commission was established to perfect the details of a plan by which the fraternity might purchase homes at the various universities and grant substantial loans to protect the houses already being purchased.

The keeper of records and exchequer made a report showing that more than $3,000 had been pledged for the housing fund and material increases in the amount of properties owned by local chapters.

The official organ is the Kappa Alpha Psi Journal, first published in April, 1914. It is published monthly during the school year. Lionel F. Artis is the editor-in-chief. This journal is the first periodical of its kind to be admitted to the Negro Press association.

The national officers are: W. Ellis Stewart, polemarch; R. L. Bailey vice-polemarch, and J. Ernest Wilkins, keeper of records and exchequer Fred P. Blair, polemarch, and Dr. C. H. Phillips of the St. Louis Alumni chapter, are due much praise for the way in which the convention was handled.

COLLEGE MEN RECEIVED AT WHITE HOUSE

50 Delegates To Omega Psi Phi Meet Greeted By Coolidge

VISIT ARLINGTON ALSO

Wreaths Laid On Graves Of Col. Young And Unknown Soldiers.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 1. (Afro Bureau)—A delegation from the 13th annual conclave of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity was received at the White House by President Coolidge at 12:30 p. m. yesterday. There were about 50 persons in line. They simply called to pay their respects.

Upon leaving the White House they went to the Arlington National Cemetery where wreaths were placed upon the graves of the Unknown Soldier and the late Colonel Charles Denton Young, who was a member of the organization in his lifetime.

Public Meeting

The annual public meeting was held Sunday afternoon in the Rankin Memorial Chapel at Howard University. Dr. C. Herbert Marshall presided. Invocation was offered by the Rev. J. Y. Trigg.

The welcome address was delivered by Dr. J. Stanley Durkee, president of Howard University. He said that "I have occasion to speak many words of welcome for those who gather within the influence of the university, but I am frank to say that the welcome today of such a group of forward looking, far-visioned young men is a privilege that challenges any president or executive of a university."

John W. Love, Grand Basileus of the fraternity, responded to the welcome address. During his remarks he gave a short historical sketch of the fraternity and told of its organization at Howard University in 1911.

A vocal selection was rendered by Miss Hermione Wharton, of Baltimore, Md. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Constantia Wharton.

The Rev. William Stuart Nelson, a member of the theological faculty of Howard University, spoke on "The Negro and the World Vision." He declared that it was necessary for us to get the world vision, "not that we loved the race less but that we loved humanity more."

John A. Fouchee, of Durham, N C., sang "Deep River.' He was accompanied by Miss Ellariz Mason, of Washington.

Dr. Bowen Speaks

Dr. J. W. E. Bowe,n president of Gammon Theological Seminary ,Atlanta, Ga., delivered the principal address. His subject was "Young Men of Brain and Conscience to the Fore."

"Mind rules this world, not sentiment," he said. "That race with a conscience dominated by mind will succeed and conquer in the struggle of life.

"At present the black man is handicapped, but he must have faith and a knowledge of the past, and a knowledge of the constituent elements that triumph, in order to rise up above his prejudices. I come to lift this shibboleth before you—brain conquers everything."

The opening session of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity was held last Saturday at 1 o'clock. Addresses of welcome were delivered by Grant M. Lucas on behalf of Alpha Chapter and Dr. C. H. Marshall, Jr., on behalf of Omega chapter. Response was made by the Grand Basileus, John W. Love.

On Saturday night there was a smoker at the fraternity house, 927 Rhode Island avenue, northwest.

Omega Psi Phi To Meet at Tuskegee

WASHINGTON, D. C. Jan. 14—The thirteenth annual grand conclave of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, one of the largest colored Greek letter fraternities in the world consisting of fifty-four active chapters scattered throughout the United States and Canada, with a membership numbering more than two thousand came to a close in Washington, December 31 with the selection of Tuskegee, Ala. as the seat of the fourteenth annual conclave.

Although many chapters extended invitations to the committee on selection of place of meeting offering their own chapter seat as the place for the next conclave the invitation of the Iota Omega, graduate chapter composed of instructors of the Tuskegee Institute and officials in the United States Veteran Bureau Hospital, was finally accepted and Tuskegee was voted the unanimous choice of the conclave. The invitation of the Iota Omega Chapter was strengthened by telegraphic and written invitations from Dr. R. R. Moton, principal of Tuskegee, and Col. Ward, Medical Officer in Charge of the United States Veterans' Bureau Hospital at that place. These officials assured the fraternity that they would lend every aid to the conclave toward a progressive and successful convention.

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PHI BETA SIGMA

Launch Better, Bigger Business Campaign

In the late afternoon of Friday, December 26, a caravan of 300 Greeks and their allied forces, representing the Phi Beta Sigma Clan, marched quietly on the City of Brotherly Love while the inhabitants were celebrating the event of the day before. The caravan was headed by Prof. J. W. Woodhous, of Baltimore, Md., general commander; A. L. Taylor of Washington, D. C., field marshal, and Dr. I. L. Scruggs, of Buffalo, N. Y., director of the news service. They found the city wide open and a warm welcome waiting them on the occasion of the meeting of the 11th annual convention.

Headquarters were established at the Y. M. C. A. and the Greeks, after a sumptuous feast, opened their convention with an international smoke. R. A. Bailey, the tobacco merchant of Philadelphia, presided and issued out smokes. The subject selected for discussion was "How to Develop a Bigger Race Business." Dr. E. H. Barnes, a Philadelphia drug merchant, opened the discussion and was followed by Dr. I. L. Scruggs and A. L. Taylor, who read statements from more than a dozen business men setting forth their views regarding race business. Representatives from all the national fraternities were present and discussed the subject.

Saturday the general officers made their reports covering the work of the year. They showed that the fraternity had had a steady growth during the year, 140 members were initiated and five chapters added. The reports also showed that the fraternity had taken an active part in the National Health Week Campaign, and also had had signal success with its own Clean Speech Movement. The Douglass Scholarship was won by Vernon Williams, of Virginia Union University. The fraternity has a merbership of 1,200 members and 32 chapters, two new chapters being added during the convention.

Public Sessions.

Sunday service was held at the Cherry Memorial Baptist Church. In the morning Rev. W. A. Harrod, Ph. D., an honorary member of the fraternity, preached the annual sermon. In the afternoon the annual address was delivered by Dr. I. Garland Penn, of Cincinnati. Other addresses were delivered by Arthur W. Mitchell and A. L. Taylor, of Washington, D. C.; Prof. J. W. Woodhous presided.

Monday morning a pilgrimage was made to the grave of the late Mrs. Fannie Jackson Coppin, where appropriate services were held in honor of the pioneer of Negro education in the city of Philadelphia. The principal address for this occasion was delivered by Prof. J. W. Woodhous; Lawyer Arthur W. Mitchell also delivered a short address. Dr. I. L. Scruggs and A. L. Taylor, with tender hands, placed a floral wreath on the grave as a loving tribute to the memory of one who by her noble deeds have left her footprints upon the sands of time.

Monday afternoon an educational conference was held at the Y. M. C. A. Dr. E. H. Barnes presided. The subject for discussion was "The College Man's Part in the Development of Business." Major R. R. Wright, Sr., Arthur W. Mitchell and A. L. Taylor were the main speakers. The addresses were very interesting and caused a lively discussion in which the following members took part: Prof. J. W. Woodhous, Mr. F. S. Jackson, Dr. I. L. Scruggs, Dr. C. F. Maloney and Dr. W. B. Reid, of Nashville, Tenn. The educational conference was the final public meeting.

Social Events.

A social program of many varied events were given for the pleasure of the delegates and visitors. Saturday night the convention was the guest of the Epsilon chapter at a dinner dance. Monday evening the social stars clustered at the Traymore and shown forth in a brilliancy never before seen at a convention reception. Tuesday night an All-Sigma dance was held at the Parkway, and Wednesday afternoon the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority entertained in honor of the convention at the Y. W. C. A. Wednesday night the Mu chapter of Lincoln University came over to close the social program with a banquet at the Y. M. C. A. The magnitude of the social program was further enlarged by the exchange of social favor between the fraternity and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority which was in annual session.

New Year's Day the members of the fraternity turned their faces homeward and the greatest convention in the history of the fraternity came to a close.

The convention will meet this year in Richmond, Va. The following officers were elected: President, J. W. Woodhous; vice president, Dr. W. B. Reid; secretary-treasurer, Dr. E. H. Barnes; field secretary, A. L. Taylor; editor Dr. I. L. Scruggs.

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The social functions included the formal annual ball given by the hostess chapters at the Academy of Music, Brooklyn, on Monday evening, December 29; open house by the Kappa Alpha Psi Chapter at Mme. Walker's Studio on New Year's Day; reception by Lambda Chapter of Kappa Alpha Sorority in honor of the national officers on New Year's Night at the International House, Riverside Drive and 124th street; reception on Saturday afternoon by the Coahmen's Union at Renaissance Casino.

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NEW YORK—Carlena Alexander Florence D. Willis, Georgia Washington, Enid F. Thorpe, Vivian Roberts Naomi Sewell Richardson, one of the founders of the Sorority, Mildred Randolph, Cecil H. Parker, Dorothy Kelso, Dorothy Hendrickson, Gussie M. Emmanuel, Blanche E. Emmanuel, Nina Yolande Du Bois, Anne McCary Dingle, Dr. Annie E. Dalaney, May E. Chinn, Mabel J. Byrd, Mrs. Etnah Boutte, Mrs. Lillian Alexander, all of New York City; Constance Willis, Gwendolyn B. Bennett, Dr. Isabella V. Grainger and Frances Gunner all of Brooklyn; Doris Madion, I. Mae Redmond and L. Loraine Redmond of Syracuse; and Mildred Dixon of Troy.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Charlotte West, Madeline Towles, Gladys Tinsley, Anna Johnson Thompson, Harriet Stewart, Eliza Skippen, Jennie Baer Schief, Clarissa Scott, Esther Popel, Estelle Pinckney, Irene Trigg Perkins, Esther Butler King, Ruth L. Kemp, Elsie Hughes, Ruth and Irma Howard, Edith Brinkley Howard, Ethel Hall, Louise V. Denney, Hilda Davis, Ophelia Davidson Dorothy Craft, Etta Burrell, Helen Brown, Elsie Brown.

PENNSYLVANIA—Sadie Mossell Alexander, Sarah Strickland, Marion Roland, Helen Reynolds, Nellie Bright, Isabelle Askew Philadelphia, Anna Coulston of West Chester, Dorothy Warrick of Germantown, Gertrude Shorters Williams of Pittsburgh, Edwinna Woodward Primas of Pittsburgh, Jessie Bailey, Lillian Woodyard Brown and Nancy Lee of Pittsburgh.

MASSACHUSETTS—Mae Wright, Jeannette Wright, Mildred Turner, Dorothy Newton, Thelma Garland, Castella Jeannette Clark of Boston, Theodora Boyd of Winthrop, Marietta Bonner of Roxbury, Emily M. Bennet of Roslindale, Charlotte Smith of Cambridge, Ruth Royster of Roxbury, Emma S. Gilbert of Cambridge, Madeline Eubanks of Cambridge, Edith Taylor of Hartford, Conn., Jennie Mustapha of Stratford, Conn.

OHIO—Stella Marie Brooks of Columbus, Reseda Berry, Althea Chapman, Marguerite Isby, Ethel Kerr, Martha Hall Ross and Mary Ross of Cincinnati, Katherine McCracken of New Orleans; Ruth De Mond, Vashti Maxwell, Mary Johnson of Baltimore; Ethel Cuff (founder), Arieon Bowser, Alice Dunbar-Nelson and Pauline A. Young of Wilmington, Del.; Vivian O. Marsh of Berkeley, California; Bessie Brewington Bluett of Los Angeles; Marcia Brown of Jersey City; Beulah Dorsey of Orange, N. J.; Vestella Lassiter of Madison, N. J.; Mary Lowe of Verona, N. J.; Julia Polk of Camden; Anna Dorsey Wilson of Orange; Mrs. Pearl P. Ballard and Alzade Singleton of Louisville, and Evelyn Tyler of Winchester, Ky.; Florence Murray of Alexandria, and Gergia Greene of Petersburgh, Va.; Mae Earline Harper of Atlanta, Ga.; Sarah E. Hunt of Morgantown, W. Va.; Thelma Robinson of Clarksburgh, W. Va.; Bernice Copeland Indianpolis; Edna B. Johnson, Des Moines, Iowa; Beatrice Penman of Winston-Salem, N. C.; Marie Martin, Jackson, Miss.; Fredericka Chase Dodd Dallas, Texas; Edmonia White, Nashville, Tenn.; Georgia Myrtle Teale of Abbeville, S. C.; Helen Adam of Chicago.

Delta Sigmas to Meet in Des Moines

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 9. (By A. N. P.)—From all parts of the country comes the significant news that the Seventh Annual Convention of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will be overwhelmingly attended by the delegates, members and friends of this peerless and progressive organization of Negro collegewomen of which G. Dorothy Pelham of Washington, D. C., is president; Sadie Mossell Alexander of Philadelphia, honorary president, and Edna Johnson, of Des Moines, Iowa, general secretary.

Omega Psi Phi Founded At Howard U. in 1911

Distinguished Membership Fosters Study of Race History and Literature

The Omega Psi Phi fraternity, now composed of 61 active chapters in colleges and universities throughout the United States and Canada and of four provisional chapters not yet recognized by its supreme council, was founded Nov. 17, 1911, at Howard university, the first Greek letter fraternity ever organized in a Race school.

Prof. Ernest E. Just, Ph. D., nationally known scientist, Spingarn medalist, professor of biology at Howard university and author of various scientific theses; Frank Coleman, M. A., head of the physics department of Howard university and a candidate for a doctorate; Rev. Edgar A. Love, A. B., B. D., of Annapolis, Md., and Dr. Oscar J. Cooper, B. S., M. D., a successful practicing physician of Philadelphia, Pa., were the founders and charter members of Omega Psi Phi. The Beta chapter was organized at Lincoln university, Pennsylvania, in 1912.

Early expansion of the fraternity was deliberately delayed by the consistent refusal of the grand chapter to grant charters for chapters at the white institutions of learning where the small number of Race students would have necessitated initiating the entire group to form a chapter. This, it was held, would have reduced the fraternity to the status of a club in which all of the students of the Race in the particular school would have been members.

At the same time a survey of the leading colleges within the Race revealed that the existing prejudice against Greek letter societies rendered the establishment of chapters there impossible, unless, contrary to the high ideals of the fraternity, they were organized in secret and thus in rebellion to the school rules, placing the members in the compromising position of being loyal to the fraternity at the expense of disloyalty to their schools.

Rather than expand under such conditions the Omega Psi Phi fraternity elected to remain an organization of two chapters until 1915, when several Omega men were studying at various New England colleges. After repeated requests Gamma chapter was authorized at Boston, Mass., to serve this New England group. At the same time that registrations in the large white institutions were showing large numbers of Race students, the standards of our own institutions were raised and the bar against Greek letter fraternities dropped, so that recent years have permitted a steady expansion of the fraternity without sacrifice of ideals.

COUNCIL OF FIVE GOVERNS OMEGA

The 11th national fraternity conclave adopted a definite expansion program which was successfully pursued for two years. The 13th conclave reverted to conservatism in expanding and stressed the internal development of the fraternity, the consolidation of its chapters and the fostering of a national Omega consciousness. During 1925 eight chapters have been added, a majority as alumni or graduate chapters.

Under the constitution as revised by the 11th conclave the direction of the national body is vested in a supreme council of five who are given large discretionary powers. Its present officers are: Attorney George L. Vaughn of St. Louis, national president; J. S. McClain of Philadelphia, national vice president; Attorney Walter H. Mazyck of Washington, D. C., national secretary; Prof. Daniel B. Taylor of A. and T. college, Greensboro, N. C., national treasurer; Prof. J. P. Nurchison of Atlanta, Ga., editor of the Oracle, the official organ of the fraternity. A sixth national officer, Grand Marshal John B. Garrett of the U. S. Veterans Bureau hospital at Tuskegee, Ala., is not a member of the council. Marshal Garrett is in direct charge of the preparation for the annual convention at Tuskegee, the seat of the Iota Omega graduate chapter, Dec. 27 to 31.

The names of some of the most brilliant scholars of America's leading universities are contained in the roll of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity. John P. Davis, one of the outstanding figures in the present generation of Bates college students, has just completed a tour of Europe, representing the United States on the debating team which competed with Oxford and others of the old world's foremost universities. He is the first member of his Race to serve as editor of the Bates college paper.

Mercer Cook of Amherst college was awarded a fellowhip for a year's study at the Sorbonne university, Paris, France, while William Stuart Nelson of Yale is taking work leading to his doctor's degree in Berlin.

BRILLIANT RECORDS IN BIG SCHOOLS

Earl Wilkins is the first of his Race to be selected for the editorial staff of the Minnesota Daily; he also won first place in the anuual freshman-sophomore oratorical contest at the University of Minnesota May 8, 1925.

Dr. Stephen J. Lewis of Harrisburg received the first public recognition ever given a member of the Race in a leading dental publication when the April, 1925, Dental Student carried as its feature article his treatise on "The Urgent Need of Practice in Dental Education." He is the only member of his Race in the Harrisburg Dental society and was selected by the organization to speak over the radio during the Pennsylvania dental health week.

Dr. James E. T. Oxley is a graduate of Edinburgh university, now doing graduate work in Europe. E. H. Beard and C. R. A. Banks of Gammon Theological seminary recently won an intercollegiate oratorical contest in which 18 colleges entered. Thomas W. Boyd is leading his class in the University of Michigan college of architecture. Lloyd Newman is concluding his work at Harvard university under a National Academy of Science fellowship, and George E. Hall has just received the highest degree conferred by the New York university law school, doctor of judicial science. He submitted three theses for the degree.

E. W. Spense was chosen by the Y. M. C. A. executive committee with three other students for a speaking tour of Maryland churches and schools, including the University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins university. James N. Nabritt, for the last two years ranking scholar in the Northwestern university law school, became the first student of his Race selected senior editor of the Illinois Law Review.

Paul R. Williams, the only member of his Race in the American Architests association, won first place in a recent architectural competition against the country's ablest craftsmen. He was recently selected by the Los Angeles city planning commission to draw plans for its civic center.

The University of Southern California recently entered an intercollegiate debate with Thomas L. Griffith its first affirmative debater and Lloyd C. Griffith its first negative speaker. William Cobb of Amherst has just completed his work under a scholarship to the Woodshall, Mass., chemical research laboratories.

S. Malcolm Dodson of Brooklyn, N. Y., is art editor of the New York City college Mercury and Lavender." P. C. Turner, E. B. Canady and C. E. Scott won highest honors at Meharry in medicine, dentistry and pharmacy. H. Hudson Phillip, University of London, LL. B., delivered two lectures during the past scholastic year to a University of Pennsylvania sociology class.

CHARLES DREW NAMED AMHERST TRACK CAPTAIN

Athletes of exceptional ability have always been numbered among Omega's men. Charles Drew, Amherst track satellite and football star, the first member of his Race to captain an Amherst track team, was awarded the Ashley memorial trophy for his value to the varsity grid team in the season of 1924. He was defeated for the football captaincy by the narrow margin of a single vote.

DeHart Hubbard, world's broad jump champion, was for three season's Michigan's track iron man, while in out of school competition with the nation's finest he has demonstrated a versatility that has added sprint laurels to his jumping honors.

In public life, Carter G. Woodson, historian; Roland W. Hayes, tenor; William Lawrence, his accompanist; Carl Diton, organist; Kemfer Harold, violinst; Dr. J. W. E. Bowen of Gammon Theological seminary; Dr. L. M. McCoy, president of Rust college; William Pickens, field agent of the N. A. A. C. P.; R. R. Church of Memphis, Tenn.; John R. Hawkins, financial secretary of the A. M. E. church, and Nahum Brascher of the Negro Press association are outstanding examples of Racial achievement. Prof. John W. Work, whose death was but recently mourned, and Colonel Charles Young, whose passing is annually memorialized, were both members of Omega. Three Omega men, Roland Hayes, Dr. Ernest E. Just and the late Colonel Charles Young, are Spingarn medalists.

OMEGA MEN AID WASHINGTON SCHOOLS

In every large center of Racial activity Omega men hold important positions. In Washington, D. C., 18,000 pupils of the Race are under the supervision of Assistant Superintendent of Schools Garnet C. Wilkerson, while Walter Smith and Arthur Newman are the high school principals. Eugene Clarke heads the Miner Normal school, A. K. Savoy a graded school and several Omega men are department heads, Howard university professors and Freedmen's hospital internes.

Other prominent Omega men are Dr. S. C. Fuller, associate in neurology at Boston university; Attorney Matthew W. Bullock, special assistant to the attorney general at Boston, Mass.; Dr. J. W. Granady, on the Harlem hospital staff; the Wesley, Atkins & Chandler law firm in Oklahoma; Supervising Principal W. B. Windsor, Greensboro, N. C.; S. W. Rutherford, founder of the National Benefit Life Insurance company; John R. Hawkins of the Prudential bank, Washington, D. C., and Dr. Eugene C. Nelson, wealthy California physician.

The study of Race life and literature has been stimulated throughout the country by Omega's annual "Negro History and Literature week," conducted by its wide scattered chapters with open meetings, special lectures and distribution of printed bibliographies. The establishment of a chair of Negro history for colleges and high schools is now advocated. Prize and medal merit awards to schools the donation by Pi Omega chapter at Baltimore of more than $700 in scientific instruments to the Morgon college laboratory, of $100 to the Los Angeles Y by the local chapter, the Epsilon chapter's two scholarships at Orangeburg, S. C., and the book donations of Theta chapter to Wiley college are examples of Omega's service. Zeta chapter at Richmond, Va., contributes each year volumes of Race history to the Virginia Union university library. Psi chapter at Morehouse college has established a fund for scholarly attainments in various departments, while Delta Omega at Petersburg, Va., awards a Young memorial medal. Alpha Psi, with headquarters at Amherst college, Massachusetts, awards annual prizes to the freshman doing the highest grade work in the first semester, while Rho chapter gives prizes to high school students.

The Oracle, published in March, June, October and December, is the official Omega organ. Formerly devoted solely to routine organization work and limited to Omega men, it is now a literary magazine through which the best efforts of the fraternity find expression. The well departmentalized June issue contained essays, poems, book reviews and editorials. An art department is soon to be added and the effort to relegate to a minor position the routine organization matter and make the Oracle an outstanding and authoritative expression of the ideals, the aspirations and the attainment of the young university men of he Race.

Omega Psi Phi is an organizaion of dawn rather than of sunset. Its path is one of ordered progress. Built on a foundation tested by 13 years of splendid success, Omega the vision of the latter, she grows will continue her present pattern while noting still the discrepancy between what she is and what she ought to be. Assiduously fostering steadily toward her ideal.

OMEGA PSI PHI TO MEET AT TUSKEGEE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—The thirteenth annual grand conclave of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, one of the largest colored Greek letter fraternities in the entire world, consisting of fifty-four active chapters scattered throughout the United States and Canada, with a membership numbering more than two thousand, came to a close here on December 31 with the selection of Tusbegee, Alabama, as the seat of the fourteenth annual conclave.

Although many chapters extended invitations to the committee on selection of place of meeting offering their own chapter seat as the place of the next conclave, the invitation of Yota Omega, graduate chapter composed of instructors of Tuskegee Institute and officials in the United States Veterans Bureau Hospital, was finally accepted and Tuskegee was voted the unanimous choice of the conclave. The invitation of Yota Omega Chapter was strengthened by telegraphis and written invitations from Dr. R. R. Moton, principal of Tuskegee, and Col. Ward, Medical Officer in charge of the United States Veterans Bureau Hospital at that place. These officials assured the fraternity that they would lend every aid to the conclave toward a progressive and successful convention.

The following officers who comprise the Supreme Council of the Fraternity, were elected to guide the destinies of Omega during the ensuing year: Grand Basileus, George L. Vaughn, 2348 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo.; Vice Grand Basileus, J. S. McClain, 410 N. 59th St., Philadelphia, Penn., Grand Keeper of Records, Walter H. Mazyck, 1812 Fourth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.; Grand Keeper of the Seal, Daniel B. Taylor, A. and T. College, Greensboro, N. C.; Grand Marshall, John B. Garrett, U. S. Veterans Bureau Hospital No. 91, Tuskegee, Ala.

Fraternity is Offered $1,000 Toward Home

The Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, Nu Chapter, held its annual installation of officers Friday night at a smoker given at the Ideal Tea Room. Hugh F. Lewis was installed as president for the ensuing year.

Many interesting talks were made during the evening. Dr. George Prince and Major N. Clark Smith, two honorary members of the fraternity, spoke at length on current topics of the day as related to the work of the club. The former stressed the need of hospitalization work in Chicago, and the latter stressed the need of more and better musical organizations.

Short talks were also made by Lucian C. Harper, managing editor of the *Chicago Defender*, and Perry C. Thompson city editor of the CHICAGO WHIP, both of whom attended the meeting as guests of the club.

During the enthusiasm of the meeting one member offered to give $1,000 toward a fraternity home if $500 could be raised by the club. Some of the members present at the installation were: Dr. E. M. Johnson, James E. Smith, F. D. Johnson, Jacob L. Reddix and Dr. O. B. Williams.

Delta Sigma Theta Girls To Convene In Wilmington

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This convention meets in Des Moines, Iowa, December 28-31 inclusive, with Phi Chapter, Drake University, Deltarettes, as hostess. Headquarters will be at St. Paul A. M. E. Church, 12th and Crocker street.

Race Progress the Theme

The cultural and educational progress of the Negro with special emphasis on the girl will be the Convention theme. All phases of the sorority's activity and usefulness in the Negro's onward march are to be considered at what promises to be the most eventful convention in the history of this organization.

Interest is aroused and is at fever heat in all the chapters from Massachusetts to California and from Detroit to Tuskegee, for this marks Delta Sigma Theta's 12th Anniversary which will be fittingly celebrated in central United States.

It is imperative that all chapters communicate their number, to date, of representatives attending the Convention in order to facilitate the transportation and housing situations. Communications are asked to be addressed to Miss Pauline Young, 1310 French street, Wilmington, Del.